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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF

CANTERBURY
New Hampshire

Comprising those of the Selectmen,
Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector,
Health Officers, Road Agent, Library Trustees,
Trustees of the Trust Funds, Planning Board,
Board of Adjustment, Conservation Commission,
Historical Society, Police and Fire Departments.

DEDICATION

Since moving to Canterbury in 1992, Lisa Carlson and Al Edelstein have been very active in the community. They have organized the Canterbury Fair for the last 9 years and have volunteered for any and all activities where extra hands are needed. They are the first to arrive with muffins when a work team is in need and they were instrumental in organizing the Canterbury Country Market, LLC for the purchase of the Canterbury Country Store, working all hours to sell shares to complete the purchase.

Thanks, Lisa and Al, for all that you've done for the Town. This book is dedicated to you.

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Town Officers
(ELECTED)

Selectmen (3 Yrs.)
Michael R. Capone, Chairman (2003)
Frank Tupper (2005)
James Bassett (2004)

Town Clerk / Tax Collector (3 Yrs.)
Cheryl A. Gordon (2004)

Treasurer (1 Yr.)
Mary K. Witschonke (2003)

Moderator (2 Yrs.)
Wayne Mann (2004)

School Board (3 Yrs.)

Thomas Garfield,	Belmont (2005)
Graham Chynoweth	Canterbury (2004)
Sumner Dole, Chair	Canterbury (2004)
William Hart	Belmont (2005)
Thomas Goulette	Belmont (2003)
Steven Fournier	Belmont (2004)
Vicky Chase	Canterbury (2003)

Planning Board (3 Yrs.)

Bill Egan - Chair (2003)
Don Burgess (2003)
Ken Stern (2004)
Jim Snyder - Vice Chair (2005)
Nat Witschonke (2005)
Brian Kilrain (2004)

Alternates:
Jennifer Hopkins (2005)
Henry Turco (2003)
Chris Bowler (2004)
Michael Capone - Selectmen
Nancy Lilly – Secretary

Cemetery Committee (3 Yrs.)
Virginia Dudley (2004)
Hugh Fifield (2003)
Regina Lamprey (2005)

Supervisors Of The Checklist (6 Yrs.)
Mary Ann Winograd (2004)
Marcia Scarponi (2006)
Brenda Murray (2008)

Library Trustees

Claudia Leidinger, Chair (2005)
Chuck Sanborn (2004)
Marcia Scarponi (2004)
John Bouton (2004)
Hank Turco (2005)
Judy Nelson (2004)

Trustee Of The Trust Funds (3 Yrs.)
Greg Heath, Chair (2005)
Nancy Lilly (2003)
John Evans (2004)

State Representatives

Priscilla P. Lockwood
Claire D. Clarke.
Christopher H. Dunne
Roy Maxfield
William E. Leber
Albert Foley

State Senator

Robert B. Flanders

Town Officers
(Appointed)

Clerk Of The Board
Janice L. Stout

Assessing Clerk
Carol M. Landry

Deputy Town Clerk
Patricia A. Capone

Road Agent
Philip K. Stone Jr.

Police Department
Gwen Deurell, Chief
Stephen Shurtleff – Full-time Officer (Resigned)
Lawrence Phillips, Part-time Officer
Todd Sheehan – Part-time Officer
James J. Dunne – Part-time Officer
Janet Emerson, Secretary

Fire Department

Chief Dale Caswell
Deputy Chief Don Janelle
Captain Matt Cole
Mike Phillip
Tod Rix
Geoff Hubble
Brian Lockwood
Dave Nelson
Gemini Meeh
Deputy Chief Scott Ruesswick
Captain Don Maurer
Captain Bob Drew
Mike Grigas
Lennie Edmunds
James Kotusky
Jeremy Slayton
Kristina Chadwick
Shawn Brechtel

Health Officer
Beverly J. Entwisle, Public Health

Deputy Health Officer
Vacant

Fire Warden / Civil Defense Director
Dale Caswell

Budget Committee (3 Yrs.)

Kenneth Sorlin (2004)
Mary Ellen Fifield (2005)
Sewell G. Smith (2003)
Briggs Lockwood (2005)
John S. Pratt (2003)
Andrew Scanlon (2003)

Board Of Adjustment (3 Yrs.)

Joseph Halla, Chair (2003)
Barbie Tilton (2003)
Kenneth Sorlin (2004)
F. Webster Stout (2003)
Kent Ruesswick (2004)
John Scarponi, (2004) Alternate
Lisa Carlson (2005) Alternate & Secretery

Conservation Commission

Robert Fife, Chair (2004)
Stephanie Bowser (2003)
Kelly Short (2004)
Darell Covell (2005)
Faith Berry (2004)(Alternate)
Fred Norton (2005) (Alternate)
Matthew Bowser (2003)
Howard Moffett (2004)
Tom Roy (2004)
Teresa C. Wyman (2003) (Alternate)
Kathleen Fife (2005) (Alternate)

Library
Susan Holmes, Librarian
Elaine DiStefano, Librarian
Wesley Noyes, Asst. Librarian

Building Inspector
Jim Snyder

Recreation Committee (3 Yrs.)

Kenneth Robichaud, Chair (2005)
Brian Collins (2005)
James Kotusky (2005)
Heidi Hutchinson (2003)
Harold Bowley (2003)
Barbara Cook (2005)

Historic District Commission

Steve Booth, Chair (2004)
Mark Hopkins (2005) Alternate Ted West (2005) Alternate
Virginia LaPlante (2005)
Mark Hopkins (2005) Alternate
Kevin Bragg (2004) Alternate
Frank A. Tupper, Selectmen's Representative

Economic Development Committee

Earl Hall, Chair, (2003)
Dwight Keeler (2004)
Peter Hofman (2003)
Chance Anderson (2004)
Jeffrey Leidinger (2004)
William Rice (2003)
Jeff Brillhart (2003)
Michael Capone, Selectmen's Rep

Recycling Committee

Heidi Hutchinson, Chair
Jill McCullough
Melanie Stephens
Norman Bowles
Linda Chynoweth-Peters
Sarah Tirrell-Wysocki
Frank Tupper, Selectmen's Representative

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

State of New Hampshire

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Canterbury in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Canterbury Elementary School in said Canterbury on Tuesday, the Eleventh Day of March, 2003, at seven o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To see how the town will vote on the following zoning amendments proposed by the Planning Board to be voted upon by official ballot:

   Question #1: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 to the existing Canterbury Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment to Article 5.2.B.1. FRONT SETBACK would set the minimum setback of all structures at 50 feet from any front boundary.

   Question #2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 to the existing Canterbury Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment to Article 5.2.B.3. POND SETBACK would add wording that would bring the town into compliance with the Shoreline Protection Act.

   Question #3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 to the existing Canterbury Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment to Article 5.2.B.7. under STRUCTURE SETBACK would set the minimum structure setback from the front property line at 25 feet on lots of 25,000 square feet or less existing as of November 1, 1999. It eliminates the wording that allows the minimum structure setback to be lessened to not less than 25 feet from the property line by special exception approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

   Question #4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 to the existing Canterbury Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment is a correction to Article 5.3.C. TABLE OF PRINCIPAL USES - LIST OF USES to show that pre-site built housing is allowed in the Rural Zone and not in the Industrial Zone.

Question #5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #5 to the existing Canterbury Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment is an addition to Article 5.3.C. TABLE OF PRINCIPAL USES - LIST OF USES regarding outdoor storage of plants, aggregate and/or other non-toxic landscaping materials required for the permitted business.

Question #6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #6 to the existing Canterbury Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment to Article 14.5 ZONING DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS would allow collocation of wireless telecommunication antennae on existing structures in the Historic and Resource Reserve Natural Districts by a conditional use permit.

Question #7: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #7 to the existing Canterbury Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

This amendment to Article 5.3.C.TABLE OF PRINCIPAL USES - LIST OF USES would prohibit accessory apartments in the Industrial Zone.

Question #8: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #8 to the existing Canterbury Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

This amendment to Article 8.1.B. under VARIANCES is a change of wording, indicating that granting a variance would not be contrary to the public interest, rather than stating that granting the variance would be a benefit to the public interest.

Question #9: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #9 to the existing Canterbury Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

This amendment to Article 8.1.C. under VARIANCES brings the wording regarding denial of a variance up to the current Supreme Court standard.

SECOND SESSION

The second session will be held at the Canterbury Elementary School on Friday, the fourteenth of March, at seven o'clock in the evening to act on the following subjects:

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two million six hundred twenty five thousand dollars ($2,625,000) for the following improvements to Town buildings: construction of a new Town Municipal building to house the Highway, Police and Volunteer Fire departments. The renovation of the existing highway, police and volunteer fire department building into a Town Library and meeting space. The addition of bathroom, kitchen and handicap accessible space to the Town Hall, and handicap accessible improvements to the Elkins building and to authorize the issuance of not more than two million five hundred thousand dollars ($2,500,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore to authorize the removal of one hundred twenty five thousand ($125,000) from the library capital reserve fund created for this purpose. Two thirds ballot vote required. Recommended by the Selectmen

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty three thousand dollars ($83,000) to purchase a 5 +/- acre parcel of land located on Baptist Road (Tax Map 8 Lot 075.001) to be used by the Town for future needs and to authorize the issuance of not more than eighty three thousand ($83,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. Two-thirds ballot vote required. Recommended by the Selectmen.

5. To raise such money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars ($30,000) to be placed in the existing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund and further, to name the Board of Selectmen as

agents to expend from this reserve fund. Recommended by the Selectmen.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars ($4,000) to purchase a refurbished defibrillator for the Canterbury Volunteer Fire Department.
Recommended by the Selectmen.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty two thousand dollars ($32,000) to purchase a new cruiser for the Police Department. Recommended by the Selectmen.

9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to appoint a deputy treasurer.

10. To see if the Town wishes to amend the existing agreement under Section 218 of the Social Security Act by excluding the services performed by election workers for a calendar year in which the remuneration paid for such service is less than $1200. The $1200 limit on the excludable amount of remuneration paid in a calendar year for the services specified in this modification will be subject to adjustment for calendar years after 2002 to reflect changes in wages in the economy without any further modification of the agreement, with respect to such services performed during such calendar years, in accordance with Section 218(8)(B) of the Social Security Act.

11. Whereas, New Hampshire residents pay the 12th highest cost of insurance in the country; and

Whereas, the cost of health insurance premiums for families has increased by 45% over the past three years; and

Whereas, 100,000 New Hampshire residents have no health coverage and 77% of them have a full-time worker at home; and

Whereas, due to the rising costs almost half of New Hampshire's small business cannot afford health coverage for their employees, therefore be it resolved

That we, the citizens of Canterbury, New Hampshire, call our elected officials from all levels of government, and those seeking office, to

work with consumers, businesses and health care providers to insure that:

- Everyone, including the self-employed, unemployed, un-and underinsured and small business owners, has access to an affordable basic health plan similar to what federal employees receive;

- Everyone, including employers, consumers and the state, local and federal government makes a responsible and fair contribution to finance the health care system;

- Everyone receives high quality care that is cost efficient and medically effecting;

- That these efforts help control the skyrocketing cost of health care

Given under our hands and seal, this eighth day of February, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and three.

Michael R. Capone, Chairman
Frank A. Tupper
James P. Bassett

2003 Budget - Town of Canterbury

	2002 Appropriated	2002 Spent	2003 Appropriated	(+/-)	Encumbered
EXECUTIVE					
Selectmen Salaries	6100	4000.00	6100	0	
Health Insurance	26775	26401.44	32500	5725	
Postage	1200	613.03	1000	-200	
Clerical Wages	25000	25238.38	35000	10000	
Office Equipment Repairs	250	348.80	250	0	
Selectmen Seminars	150	25.00	150	0	
Telephone/Internet	1420	1493.20	2000	580	
Printing	200	42.04	200	0	
Office Equipment	2000	1692.07	2000	0	
Office Supplies	2000	1774.12	2750	750	
TOTAL	65095	61628.08	81950	16855	
TOWN REPORT					
Print/Mail Town Report	5500	5309.66	5500	0	
ELECTION, REG & VITALS					
Town Clerk Seminars	500	60.00	500	0	
Dog Tags	1200	1579.86	1500	300	
Election Wages	500	712.00	500	0	
Election Advertising	150	151.40	150	0	
Voting Machine	2000	1655.27	150	-1850	
Town Clerk Fees - Regs	4200	4653.00	4200	0	
Town Clerk Fees - Stickers	3000	2793.75	3000	0	
Vital Statistic Fees	100	326.75	150	50	
Deputy Town Clerk Salary	12000	11352.75	12500	500	

	2002 Appropriated	2002 Spent	2003 Appropriated	(+/-)	Encumbered
Election, Reg & Vitals (cont)					
Marriage License Fees	300	228.00	300	0	
Town Clerk Equip Repairs	250	0.00	250	0	
Town Clerk Office Supplies	750	683.31	750	0	
Total	24950	24196.09	23950	-1000	
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION					
Tax Collector Salary	16500	16500.00	17655	1155	
Registrar of Deeds	800	1368.43	1000	200	
Tax Collector Fees	2000	1564.00	2000	0	
Outside Auditing	4950	4950.00	4950	0	
Tax Map Maintenance	300	258.75	300	0	
Tax Collector Seminars	450	352.00	700	250	
Treasurer Salary	3000	3000.00	3000	0	
Tax Collector Office Supp	1000	365.25	2750	1750	
Tax Collector Postage	1600	2522.47	2500	900	
Total	30600	30880.90	34855	4255	
CEMETERIES					
Cemetery Wages	8000	7072.92	8000	0	
Sub-Contractor	350	690.00	350	0	
Equipment Repairs	200	345.11	500	300	
Gasoline & Oil	300	0.00	300	0	
Parts & Supplies	200	56.18	200	0	
Total	9050	8164.21	9350	300	

	2002 Appropriated	2002 Spent	2003 Appropriated	(+/-)	Encumbered
GEN. GOVERNMENT BLDG					
Center Electricity	260	228.89	260	0	
Police Dept Electricity	975	438.22	500	-475	
Historical Society Maint	100	0.00	100	0	
Historical Society Electricity	350	258.03	300	-50	
Town Bldgs Heat/Oil	8000	7688.09	8000	0	
Town Hall Maintenance	100	45.00	100	0	
Town Hall Electricity	260	271.46	260	0	
Hwy/FD Maintenance	2800	4728.10	2800	0	
Town Building Emer Fund	3000	826.33	3000	0	
Hwy/FD Electricity	2500	1678.62	2000	-500	
Sam Lake Maintenance	500	507.12	500	0	
Sam Lake Electricity	1300	888.97	1000	-300	
Police Department Maint	1000	1245.79	1000	0	
Total	21145	18804.62	19820	-1325	
BLDG NEEDS COMM	5000	5000.00	5000	0	
REVAL OF PROPERTY					
Property Update/Pickups	19000	3860.00	5000	-14000	
LEGAL EXPENSES	7000	5107.68	7000	0	
ZONING BOARD					
Secretary Wages	1000	1908.00	1400	400	
Seminar	50	0.00	50	0	
Postage	250	591.61	600	350	
Advertising	500	1005.78	800	300	
Supplies	50	7.25	50	0	
Total	1850	3512.64	2900	1050	

	2002 Appropriated	2002 Spent	2003 Appropriated	(+/-)	Encumbered
PLANNING BOARD					
Postage	650	789.67	650	0	
Secretary Wages	3100	2694.00	3100	0	
Seminars	100	0.00	100	0	
Professional Fees	2500	825.00	2500	0	
Advertising	300	335.01	300	0	
Printing	650	406.69	650	0	
Supplies	150	163.18	350	200	
Equipment	50	0.00	50	0	
Total	7500	5213.55	7700	200	
REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS					
Tax Collector Dues	20	20.00	20	0	
Town Clerk Dues	20	20.00	20	0	
NH Municipal Association	1200	1271.24	1300	100	
Central NH Planning	1880	1880.00	1934	54	
NH Resource Recover	100	100.00	100	0	
Assoc of Assessing Dues	20	20.00	20	0	
Reg/Conc Solid Waste	20	20.00	20	0	
Upper Merrimack River	55	55.00	55	0	
Federal DOT Drug Testing	200	0.00	200	0	
NH HealthOfficer Assoc.	25	0.00	25	0	
Total	3540	3386.24	3694	154	

	2002 Appropriated	2002 Spent	2003 Appropriated	(+/-)	Encumbered
POLICE DEPARTMENT					
Wages	98000	88648.44	110000	12000	
Sub-Contractor	32000	44331.50	50000	18000	
Sem/Dues/Subscriptions	400	340.00	400	0	
Prosecutor	5000	502.35	500	-4500	
Cruiser Maintenance	2000	3242.43	2000	0	
Health Insurance	8850	8800.44	18000	9150	
Telephone	3000	4448.47	3000	0	
Radios & Repairs	1000	680.69	1000	0	
Dispatch	7050	4577.00	7050	0	
Gas/Oil	3000	4608.67	4000	1000	
Office Supplies	1700	2388.66	1900	200	
Uniforms	1000	2548.70	4000	3000	
Supplies/New Equipment	1300	1843.73	1300	0	
Retirement	2500	6851.74	11000	8500	
Petty Cash	200	200.00	0	-200	
Training			1000	1000	
Total	167000	174012.82	215150	48150	
FIRE DEPARTMENT					
Reimbursement	7800	8000.00	7800	0	
Forest Fire Costs	800	329.16	800	0	
Vehicle Maintenance	11700	11749.68	12000	300	
Training & Prevention	2000	2569.12	2000	0	
Dispatch	11985	11985.00	11972	-13	
Communications	6000	5478.16	6000	0	
Dry Hydrants	1000	0.00	1000	0	
Gasoline & Oil	800	1040.84	1100	300	

	2002 Appropriated	2002 Spent	2003 Appropriated	(+/-)	Encumbered
Fire Department (cont)					
Fire & Rescue Equipment	10000	12105.63	16000	6000	
Office Equipment	800	826.26	800	0	
Medical Training	1300	1984.98	1300	0	
Medical Equipment	2000	2212.23	3000	1000	
Equipment Maintenance	2000	884.44	1000	-1000	
Forest Fire Equipment	3000	1802.62	3000	0	
Total	61185	60968.12	67772	6587	
CIVIL DEFENSE	1	0.00	1	0	
BUILDING INSPECTION					
Seminars	100	0.00	100	0	
Supplies/Telephone	150	495.04	500	350	
Salary	3000	3000.00	3000	0	
Total	3250	3495.04	3600	350	
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION					
Wages	130000	129678.71	142400	12400	
Sub-Cont/Equip Rental	12000	7621.89	12000	0	
Equipment Repairs	15000	32115.28	20000	5000	
Health Insurance	36000	29341.29	36000	0	
Retirement	10000	11855.95	12000	2000	
Telephone	800	979.90	800	0	
Supplies	2000	5684.34	4000	2000	
Gasoline & Diesel	10000	10693.17	13000	3000	
Tires	3000	2265.12	3000	0	
Total	218800	230235.65	243200	24400	

	2002 Appropriated	2002 Spent	2003 Appropriated	(+/-)	Encumbered
HIGHWAYS & STREETS					
Salt	10000	9186.52	10000	0	
Road Tar	35000	28967.14	50000	15000	
Road Improvements	50000	48041.06	50000	0	
Sand & Gravel	30000	30610.45	30000	0	
Total	125000	116805.17	140000	15000	
CULVERTS & BRIDGES					
Culverts & Bridges Maint	1500	1993.60	1500	0	
STREET LIGHTING	1500	1167.97	1200	-300	
SOLID WASTE					
Central NH Waste	1	0.00	1	0	
Health Insurance			9300	9300	
Wages	25038	21804.69	40638	15600	
Recycling Services	15000	20602.42	15000	0	
Truck Repair	250	0.00	250	0	
Telephone	400	394.11	400	0	
Supplies	400	96.80	400	0	
Electricity	1600	772.18	1600	0	
Fuel Oil	200	36.00	200	0	
Building Repair/Maint	1000	1055.74	5500	4500	
Seminars	200	15.00	200	0	
Hazardous Waste			2000	2000	
Total	44089	44776.94	75489	31400	
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL					
Co-op Fee Ash Disposal	28000	33324.83	33324	5324	

	2002 Appropriated	2002 Spent	2003 Appropriated	(+/-)	Encumbered
HEALTH					
Animal Control	100	0.00	100	0	
HEALTH AGENCIES					
Hospital	700	700.00	700	0	
Penacook Rescue	21000	20824.00	21000	0	
Belmont Rescue	5000	5000.00	5000	0	
Total	26700	26524.00	26700	0	
WELFARE					
Welfare Administrator	3000	532.00	3000	0	
Direct Assistance	3000	5020.44	3000	0	
Aid/Disabled VNA	1000	1000.00	1000	0	
Comm Action Program	1704	1704.00	1789	85	
Total	8704	8256.44	8789	85	
LIBRARY					
Wages	28000	28028.20	29500	1500	
Insurance	8870	8800.56	9240	370	
Maintenance Repairs	1659	1438.50	1659	0	
Books/Mags/Tapes	6883	6603.85	6883	0	
Programs	500	855.08	500	0	
Dues/Meetings/Education	130	371.08	230	100	
Telephone	600	518.62	600	0	
Electricity	800	778.46	1000	200	
Postage	100	137.66	100	0	
Equipment Supplies	4000	4637.89	3000	-1000	
Total	51542	52169.90	52712	1170	

	2002 Appropriated	2002 Spent	2003 Appropriated	(+/-)	Encumbered
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMM					
Secretary Wages	250	0.00	250	0	
Postage	50	144.84	50	0	
Printing	100	133.10	100	0	
Total	400	277.94	400	0	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
Website/Legal/Signs	500	1.70	500	0	
PARKS & RECREATION					
Repairs	200	0.00	200	0	
Equipment	800	12.13	800	0	
Total	1000	12.13	1000	0	
SPECIAL EVENTS			5000	5000	
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES					
Memorial Day	100	35.00	100	0	
Fourth of July	1500	69.95	1500	0	
Total	1600	104.95	1600	0	
CONSERVATION COMMISSION					
Dues	150	175.00	175	25	
Postage	40	21.60	25	-15	
Printing & Advertising	30	122.53	125	95	
Supplies/Signs/GIS Supplies	230	173.67	697	467	
Prof. Services/Speakers	300	170.00	600	300	
Training/Conferences			180	180	
Total	750	662.80	1802	1052	
HISTORICAL SOCIETY					
Preservation Expense	1000	100.00	1250	250	
Misc. Supplies	100	1000.00	150	50	
Total	1100	1100.00	1400	300	

	2002 Appropriated	2002 Spent	2003 Appropriated	(+/-)	Encumbered
HEALTH OFFICER					
Gasoline & Oil	100	0.00	100	0	
Seminars	100	0.00	100	0	
Total	200	0	200	0	
TOTAL EXPENSES	943151	930953.67	1088158	145007	
DEBT SERVICES					
Principal Fire Truck	34000	34000.00	0	-34000	
Interest Fire Truck	1895.97	1906.36	0	-1895.97	
Interest / Fees	6000	5074.55	18000	12000	
Tax Anticipation Note	3000	0.00	3000	0	
FICA	27000	26216.10	27000	0	
Insurance	27000	27561.25	27000	0	
Principal for Bond			60000	60000	
Interest for Bond			8707.50	8707.50	
Sub Total	1,042,046.97	1,025,711.93	1,231,865.50	189,818.53	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT					
Highway Truck	5000	5000	5000	0	
Highway Grader	5000	5000	5000	0	
Highway Equipment	5000	5000	5000	0	
Library	25000	25000	25000	0	
Rescue Equipment	5000	5000	5000	0	
Fire Apparatus	5000	5000	5000	0	
Conservation Commission	20000	20000	20000	0	
Land Fill Closure	20000	20000	20000	0	
TOTAL	90000	90000	90000	0	
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL	1,132,046.97	1,115,711.93	1,321,865.50	189,818.53	

	2002 Appropriated	2002 Spent	2003 Appropriated	(+/-)	Encumbered
WARRANT ARTICLES					
03-03 - Municipal Complex			2625000		
03-04 - Land Purchase			83000		
03-06 - Reval Capital Reserve			30000		
03-07 - Defibrilator			4000		
03-08 - Police Cruiser			32000		
Town Hall Renovations		35000.00			35000 (2002)
Building Review		3684.70			3684.70 (2002)
Highway Grader	118,050	106263.40			
Road Construction	66,000	44135.87			21864.13
Assessing Software	10000	10000.00			
Highway Mechanic Tools	7500	5911.98			1588.02
GIS Mapping	4200	3181.24			1018.76
Building Review	80000	3741.45			76258.55
Refurbish 53-MI	35000	35000.00			
SCBA's/PASS System	7300	7300.00			
Total	328050	254218.64	2774000		
TOTAL WITH WARRANT ARTICLES	1460096.97	1369930.57	4095865.50		
Merrimack County Tax		340627.00			
Shaker Regional Tax		2511209.00			
Refunds		21390.11			
Tax Collector - Sales		0.00			
GRAND TOTAL		4243156.68			

MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING
FIRST SESSION
MARCH 12, 2002

Wayne Mann, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. A motion was made by Cheryl Gordon to dispense with the reading of the warrant. The motion was seconded by Mary Ann Winograd. Necessary town officers for the year ensuing were chosen by ballot. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Ballots were counted and the results were as follows:

2002 BALLOT

Board of Selectmen: 1 position, 3 years
Frank Tupper 237

Treasurer: 1 position, 1 year
Mary F. Witschonke 249

Moderator: 1 position, 2 years
Wayne Mann 242

Planning Board: 2 positions, 3 years
Jim Snyder 224
Nat Witschonke 226

Library Trustee: 2 positions, 3 years
Claudia Leidinger 246
Hank Turco 17

Supervisor of the Checklist: 1 position, 3 years
Brenda Murray 247

Cemetery Committee: 1 position, 3 years
Regina Lamprey 8

Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 position, 3 years
Greg Heath 239

MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING
SECOND SESSION
MARCH 15, 2002
(Business Portion)

Wayne Mann, Moderator, opened the adjourned Town Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 15, 2002. A moment of silence was observed in memory of September 11, 2001. A review of the ground rules was presented and the salute of the flag was lead by representatives from the 4-H Rascals.

The moderator made reference to the cover of the Town Report and the celebration of the volunteer spirit that is alive and well in Canterbury. The 2001 Annual Town report was dedicated to Bob and Priscilla Lockwood in appreciation of everything they have both done for the town.

The moderator read the results of the balloting from the first session of the Town Meeting held on Tuesday, March 23, 2002.

For each of the following articles the polls were open for one (1) hour and each article had its own ballot box.

ARTICLE 2
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred eleven thousand eight hundred dollars ($811,800) for the expansion and renovation of the Elkins Public Library and to authorize the issuance of not more six hundred eighty one thousand eight hundred dollars ($681,800) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) from the library capital reserve fund created for this purpose; furthermore, to authorize the acceptance of the remaining thirty thousand dollars ($30,000) from donations. Two-thirds ballot vote required. (Recommend by two Selectmen not recommended by one Selectmen)
Jeff Leidinger moved the adoption of this article. Charlie DeGrace seconded.

Article 2 was voted on by secret written ballot and was defeated 204-151. There was no motion made to reconsider the vote.

ARTICLE 3
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred sixty five thousand and fifty dollars ($165,050) for the purchase of a new grader for the Highway Department and to authorize the issuance of not more than one hundred eighteen thousand fifty dollars ($118,050) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of forty seven thousand dollars ($47,000) from the Road Grader capital reserve fund created for this purpose. Two-thirds ballot vote required. (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Brian Collins moved the adoption of this article. John Leggett seconded.

Article 3 was voted on by secret written ballot and passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote 315-39. There was no motion made to reconsider the vote.

ARTICLE 4
To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of sixty six thousand dollars ($66,000) to construct a road and extend three-phase power 1100 feet from West Road into the Town-owned industrial site at exit 18 and to authorize the issuance of not more than sixty six thousand dollars ($66,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes to determine the rate of interest thereon. Two-thirds ballot vote required. (Recommended by the Selectmen)

John Leggett moved the adoption of this article. John Evans seconded.

Article 4 was voted on by secret written ballot and passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote 145-62. There was no motion made to reconsider the vote.

ARTICLE 5
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty thousand dollars ($80,000) for the following improvements to the Town Center and Town buildings as proposed by the Canterbury Building Needs Committee: Forty thousand dollars ($40,000) for improvements to the Town Hall, ten thousand dollars ($10,000) for planning and initial work around the Town Hall, Houser Museum, egress roads and recycling center, thirty

thousand dollars ($30,000) to replace the doors at the Fire Station and relocate and filter the Town water system and to authorize the issuance of not more than eighty thousand dollars ($80,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes to determine the rate of interest thereon. Two-thirds ballot vote required. (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Briggs Lockwood moved the adoption of this article. John Pratt seconded.

Article 5 was voted on by secret written ballot and passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote 176-31. There was no motion made to reconsider the vote.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to adopt an exemption for the disabled. The exemption, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers, shall be thirty five thousand dollars ($35,000). To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years and own and occupy the real estate individually or jointly, or if any real estate is owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than twelve thousand dollars ($12,000) or, if married, a combined net income of not more than fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000): and own net assets not in excess of thirty five thousand dollars ($35,000) excluding the value of the person's residence. Ballot vote required. (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Priscilla Lockwood moved the adoption of this article. John Temchak seconded.

Article 6 was voted on by secret written ballot and passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote 187-20. There was no motion made to reconsider the vote.

ARTICLE 7

To raise such money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

Briggs Lockwood moved the adoption of this article. John Pratt seconded.

Selectmen Jim Bassett moved to amend the budget under the Executive portion to increase the Office Equipment line item from $1400 to $2400.

The reason for the increase is to purchase a working public address system for use at town meeting, events at the parish house and at other town activities.

Peter Hofman seconded the motion to increase the amendment by $1000.

Article 7 was moved and the motion to accept the operating budget as amended in the amount of $1,115,246.97 was passed.

ARTICLE 8
To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of capping the closed landfill site at the Town Recycling Center and to appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars ($20,000) as an initial funding amount. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this capital reserve fund. This reserve fund will be used initially for monitoring wells and possibly a landfill closure plan and the eventual capping of the landfill should they be required. (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Bob Lockwood moved the adoption of this article. Cheryl Gordon seconded.

Article 8 was voted on and passed.

ARTICLE 9
To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) for the purchase of Assessing Software to assist in the upcoming property revaluation of the Town as well as the ongoing assessment of property improvements. (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Bob Lockwood moved the adoption of this article. Patti Capone seconded.

Article 9 was voted on and passed.

ARTICLE 10
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars ($5000) for the purchase of mechanic's tools for the Highway Department. (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Peter Hofman moved the adoption of this article. Bob Lockwood seconded.

Robert Maxfield made a motion to increase the sum from $5000 to $7500 to allow the Highway Department to buy better tools.

Seconded by Steve Baker.

Article 10 was voted on as amended and passed.

ARTICLE 11
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand two hundred dollars ($4,200) for the purchase of GIS mapping hardware and software to assist in the long term land planning needs of the Town. (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Howard Moffett moved the adoption of this article. Kathy Fife seconded.

Article 11 was voted on and passed.

ARTICLE 12
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty five thousand dollars ($35,000) to refurbish 53-MI, a 1987 pumper/tanker. (Not recommended by two Selectmen, recommended by one Selectmen.)

Jeremy Slayton moved the adoption of this article, Leslie Keeler seconded.

Hand count taken yea 67, no 59

Article 12 was voted on and passed

ARTICLE 13
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand three hundred dollars ($7,300) to purchase two new SCBA's (self-contained breathing apparatus), two spare oxygen bottles and two PASS safety alarms for use by the Fire Department. (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Ken Jordan moved the adoption of this article, John Leggett seconded.

Article 13 was voted on and passed.

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Kelly Short thanked people for completing the survey for the Conservation Commission and asked that they be dropped off at the store by the end of the week.

Phil Stone recognized Bill McAllister for his work on the cemeteries.

Doug Russwick made a motion to name the road to the transfer station Da Dump Rd.

Seconded by Dwight Keller. Passed.

Doug Russwick made a motion to close the meeting. The motion was seconded. The meeting was dissolved at midnight.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Capone for
Cheryl A. Gordon, Town Clerk

A true copy attest:

Cheryl A. Gordon, Town Clerk

THE MS-6 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY

IS A DRAFT VERSION

AT THE TIME THE TOWN REPORT WENT TO PRESS,

THE TOWN WAS AWAITING COMPLETION

OF THE 2002 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT

UPDATED VERSION WILL BE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

AT THE SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
4130-4139	Executive		65,705	58,642.42	70,595	
4140-4149	Election,Reg.& Vital Statistics		21,800	21,999.67	24,950	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		31,850	31,357.56	30,600	
4152	Revaluation of Property		5,000	5,580.00	19,000	
4153	Legal Expense		7,000	7,055.03	7,000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		27,000	20,699.95	30,000	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		10,450	8,186.94	9,550	
4194	General Government Buildings		18,735	18,254.03	26,145	
4195	Cemeteries		9,050	6,314.89	9,050	
4196	Insurance		27,000	24,956.27	27,000	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		3,415	3,416.66	3,540	
4199	Other General Government					
	PUBLIC SAFETY		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
4210-4214	Police		167,355	127,784.55	167,000	
4215-4219	Ambulance		26,000	25,824.00	26,000	
4220-4229	Fire		59,645	59,684.62	81,185	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		3,650	3,170.00	3,250	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		1	0.00	1	
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)					
	AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
4301-4309	Airport Operations					
	HIGHWAYS & STREETS		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
4311	Administration		186,768	154,859.84	218,600	
4312	Highways & Streets		115,000	108,009.96	125,000	
4313	Bridges		1,500	1,715.92	1,500	
4316	Street Lighting		1,950	1,221.96	1,500	
4319	Other					
	SANITATION		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
4321	Administration		32,001	34,989.98	440,899	
4323	Solid Waste Collection		–	–	–	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		32,500	26,662.78	28,000	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up					
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other					

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	WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration					
4332	Water Services					
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv.& Other					
	ELECTRIC		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation					
4353	Purchase Costs					
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance					
4359	Other Electric Costs					
	HEALTH		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration		200.00	0.00	200.00	
4414	Pest Control		600.00	35.00	100.00	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		700.00	700.00	700.00	
	WELFARE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		5,549.00	7,403.22	8,704.00	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts					
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other					
	CULTURE & RECREATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		1,000.00	64.55	1,000.00	
4550-4559	Library		44,469.00	44,784.46	51,542.00	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		1,100.00	1,214.74	1,600.00	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		1,000.00	625.65	1,500.00	
	CONSERVATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources		750.00	1,086.66	750.00	
4619	Other Conservation					
4631-4632	**REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING**					
4651-4659	**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**		500.00	40.78	500.00	
	DEBT SERVICE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		34,000.00	34,000.00	34,000.00	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		3,802.22	3,714.02	1,895.97	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service					

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
	CAPITAL OUTLAY		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4901	Land			18,338.00		
4902	Machinery, Veh & Equip	6,8,9,11,12		106,418.38		
4903	Buildings	7,13		315.20		
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.			535.57		
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund					
4913	To Capital Projects Fund					
4914	To Enterprise Fund					
	Sewer-					
	Water-					
	Electric-					
	Airport-					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		50,000.00	50,000.00	70,000.00	
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917					
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds					
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds					
4919	To Agency Funds					
	SUBTOTAL 1		1,133,756.22	101,990.58	1,115,246.97	

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct #	Warr Art. #	Amount	Acct #	Warr Art #	Amount
4902	11	49,000.00	4902	13	4,000.00
4902	12	4,800.00			
4902	8	3,500.00			
4902	9	30,000.00			
4902	6	51,743.00			
4903	7	35,000.00			

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3,VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserv e funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the w arrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
4903	Elkins Library Renovations	#02-2				681,600
4902	Highway Grader	#02-3			118,050	
4909	Road Construction	#02-4			66,000	
SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	184,050	XXXXXXXXX

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special w arrant articles". Individual warrant articles might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature y ou wish to address individually.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
4909	Landfill Closure	#02-8			20,000	
4902	Assessing Software	#02-9			10,000	
4902	Mechanic Tools	#02-10			7,500	
4902	GIS Mapping	#02-11			4,200	
4903	Building Reparis	#02-6			80,000	
4902	Refurbish 43-M1	#02-12			35,000	
4902	SCBA	#02-13			7,300	
SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	184,000	XXXXXXXXX

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
	TAXES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes				
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		30000	9628	30000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		7000	11754	11700
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		40000	24149.63	25000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax ($.02 cents per cu yd)		1000	272	272
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits				
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		250000	305252.5	300000
3230	Building Permits		3500	5897.10	4000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		5000	3922.5	4000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
	FROM STATE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		9953	15910	15910
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		42177	51588.64	51588
3353	Highway Block Grant		63324	67827.91	67827
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		452	324.46	300
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)				
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3401-3406	Income from Departments		20000	46608	40000
3409	Other Charges				
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		0	5500	6000
3502	Interest on Investments		20000	33217.37	30000
3503-3509	Other - Recycling		6000	8040	9000

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds			40171	47936.8
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds			5354.22	3500
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amount VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")				
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes				
	TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS		500,206.00	625,824.84	647,033.60

"BUDGET SUMMARY"

SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	1,115,246,397.00
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	184,050.00
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	164,000.00
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	1,463,296.97
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	647,033.60
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	816,263.37

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REVENUE TO OFFSET
2002 BUDGET

	Estimated 2002	Actual 2002	Estimated 2003
TAXES			
Yield Tax	$30,000	30,264.42	21,000
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	$40,000	22,933.59	20,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	$7,000	7,222	9,757
Excavation Tax $0.2 per CY	$300	0	300
Excavation Activity Tax	$128	0	128
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES – STATE			
Shared Revenues	$9,953	15,822.28	9,953
Meals & Rooms Tax	$42,177	5,033.81	58,034
Highway Block Grant	$63,324	69,498.77	69,499
Reimb. State Fed Forest Land	$452	558.97	400
LICENSES & PERMITS			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	$250,000	325,474	290,000
Building Permit Fees	$3,500	7,675	5,525
Other Lic. Permits & Fees	$5,000	5,461	6,000
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Income from Departments	$20,000	82,090.20	4,000
MISC. REVENUES			
Interest on Deposits	$20,000	16,470.24	25,000
Recycling	$6,000	1,531.48	6,000
Total	$529,556	643,035.86	561,293
Appropriations Recommended			1,321,865.50
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended			2,774,000.00
Total Appropriations Recommended			4,095,865.50
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits			561,293
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be raised:			$3,534,572.50

REVENUE TO OFFSET
2002 BUDGET

	Estimated 2002	Actual 2002	Estimated 2003
TAXES			
Yield Tax	30,000	30,264.42	30,000
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	15,000	22,933.59	25,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	4,877	7,222	11,700
Excavation Tax $0.2 per CY	300	0	272
Excavation Activity Tax	128	0	0
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES – STATE			
Shared Revenues	$9,953	15,822.28	15,910
Meals & Rooms Tax	51,559	58,033.81	51,588
Highway Block Grant	67,828	69,487.77	67,827
Reim. State Fed Forest Land	392	164.58	300
LICENSES & PERMITS			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	285,00	325,474	300,000
Building Permit Fees	3,500	7,675	4,000
Other Lic. Permits & Fees	6,500	5,461	4,000
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Income from Departments	30,000	82,090.20	40,000
MISC. REVENUES			
Interest on Deposits	25,000	16,470.24	30,000
Recycling	5,500	9560.80	9,000
Total	572,658	651,018.69	589,597
Appropriations Recommended			1,321,865.50
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended			2,774,000.00
Total Appropriations Recommended			4,095,865.50
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits			589,597
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be raised:			3,506,268.50

Town Of Canterbury
Long Term Indebtedness
Statement Of Debt Service Requirements

December 31, 2002

FIRE TRUCK BOND

Rate of Interest	5.5%
Amount of Original Issue	$170,000.00
Date of Original Issue	2/9/97
Principal payment date	February 7
Interest payment date	February 7
Payable at :	Citizens Bank, New Hampshire

GRADER/BUILDING/INDUSTRIAL PARK BOND

Rate of Interest	3.27%
Amount of Original Issue	$255,000
Date of Original Issue	2/18/02
Principal payment date	August 15
Interest payment date	February 15

MATURITIES

Fire Truck

Fiscal Ending Year	Principal	Interest
December 31, 2002	34,000.00	1906.36

Grader/Buildings/Industrial Park

Fiscal Ending Year	Principal	Interest
December 31, 2003	60,000.00	4657.50
December 31, 2004	55,000.00	3150.00
December 31, 2005	50,000.00	2325.00
December 31, 2006	45,000.00	1575.00
December 31, 2007	45,000.00	787.50

Town Of Canterbury
Summary of Taxable Property

Land	25,882,678
Residential Buildings	80,313,406
Commercial/Industrial	959,300
Public Utilities	1,650,371
Total Gross Valuation	108,805,755
Less Elderly Exemptions	195,000
Solar Exemptions	105,650
Blind Exemptions	30,000
Physically Handicapped Exemptions	35,000
Net Valuations on which the tax rate for Municipal County & Local Education tax is computed:	108,522,785
Less Public Utilities	1,650,361
Net Valuation on which the State Education Tax is computed:	106,872,414
Loss due to Veteran's Exemptions	10,300
Loss due to Total Disability	2,800
Town Tax Rate	4.91
County Rate	3.12
School Tax Rate	16.08
State Education Tax	7.06
	31.17
Current Use Land	19,208.33
No. of acres granted for Current Use Exemption:	12,747.47

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, land and buildings	208,500
Furniture and equipment	500
Library land and buildings	135,200
Furniture and equipment	100,000
Police Department Building	32,500
Contents	500
Highway Garage/Fire Station	306,000
Contents	4,000
Historical Building	89,000
Contents	20,000
Sam Lake House, land and buildings	138,600
Contents	10,000
Town Dump, land and improvements	85,500
Salt Shed Building	25,000
Brick and Wood Frame Bandstand	12,800

Tax Map/Lot	Location	
04.021.002	Industrial Site	
14.017	Worsted Church Lot	74,400
15.007	Maple Grove Cemetery	66,000

LAND OWNED BY THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

04.008	L/O e/s Intervale Road	42,100
04.015	L/O w/s Intervale Road (Gift)	1,100
07.046	L/O off e/s Borough Road	24,500
08.026.005	North West Road (Conservation Easement)	6,900
08.020	L/O e/s Route 132	10,500
08.038.002	L/O w/s Kimball Pond Road	43,200
08.041	L/O Kimball Pond (Gift)	43,500
10.005	L/O e/s Briar Bush Road	52,400
11.014	L/O e/s Abbott Road	40,800
11.027.001	L/O s/s Baptist Road	5,600
11.031	L/O off Baptist Road	22,600
11.032	L/O off Baptist Road	14,100
11.035	L/O s/s Baptist Road	19,600
11.033	L/O off s/s Baptist Road	28,800
12.016	L/O Whitney Hill Road	21,600
12.020	L/O Spender Meadow	11,300
12.027	L/O Spender Meadow	13,900
13.007	L/O e/s Misery Road	45,100
15.013	L /O e/s Abberton Road (Gift)	7,900
16.015	L/O e/s Whitney Hill Road	26,900

17.004.002	L/O off Route 106, Rocky Pond	2,600
17.004.007	L/O off Route 106	17,000
17.001.010	L/O off Route 106	5,650
17.004.011	L/O off Route 106	4,300
17.004.012	L/O off Route 106	4,300
17.004.014	L/O off Route 106	31,400
21.017	L/O w/s Shoestring Road	403,800

LAND ACQUIRED THROUGH TAX DEEDS:

01.004.001	L/O n/s Intervale Road	3,800
01.011	L/O n/s Intervale Road T/L	100
01.012	L/O n/s Intervale Road T/L	300
02.001	L/O Shore of New Pond	4,700
02.022	L/O Canterbury Shore Drive	4,700
02.133	L/O Friar Tuck Road	4,700
02.137	L/O Friar Tuck Road	4,700
02.141	L/O Friar Tuck Road	4,700
02.148	L/O Robin Shore Drive	4,700
02.150	L/O Robin Shore Drive	4,700
02.334	L/O Island New Pond	4,400
02.335	L/O Island New Pond	3,200
02.231	L/O Canterbury Shore Drive	4,700
02.252	L/O Nottingham Road	4,700
02.288	L/O Nottingham Road	4,700
02.318	L/O Blue Boar Lane	800
02.204	L/O Canterbury Shore Drive	4,700
02.152	L/O Robin Shore Drive	4,700
02.333.002	Flowage & Dam Rights	2,500
09.035.001	L/O n/s Old School Road	300
10.015.001	L/O 340 Baptist Hill Road	32,600
18.002	L/O e/s Route 106, Shaw Road	800
20.004.024	L/O Open Space	1,700
20.004.023	L/O Open Space	2,800
20.004.022	L/O Open Space	2,700
20.004.021	L/O Open Space	3,900
20.004.027	L/O Open Space	2,100
20.004.026	L/O Open Space	1,700
20.004.028	L/O Open Space	1,600
20.004.025	L/O Open Space	1,700

TREASURER'S REPORT
2002

Tax Collector	3,418,833.03
Town Clerk	338,610.00
Municipal Agent	6,112.50
State of New Hampshire	143,950.83
Income from Departments	82,090.20
Interest on Investments	16,470.24
Sale of Municipal Property	5,800.00
Health Insurance Reimbursement	12,415.07
TOTAL RECEIPT	4,024,331.87

Selectmen's Orders Paid	1,270,535.38
Capital Reserve	90,000.00
School Tax	2,511,209.00
County Tax	340,627.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	4,212,371.38
GENERAL FUND BALANCE ON HAND	888,428.08

NH PUBLIC DEPOSIT INVESTMENT POOL	
General Fund	769,901.35
Conservation Commission	75,558.85*
Patriotic Purposes	434.48
TOTAL NHPDIP FUND	845,794.68

Does not include Current Use transfer from General Fund of $41,015.66

Town Of Canterbury
Town Clerk's Report 2002

Auto Permits & Postage		325,474.00
Municipal Agent Fees		6,112.50
Dog Licenses		4,612.00
Marriage Licenses		745.00
Vital Records		120.00
	Total	337,063.50

Cheryl A. Gordon
Town Clerk

Annual Report Of The Canterbury Board of Selectmen

2002 was another busy year for the Board and administrative staff. The major challenges continue to be growth within Canterbury and the surrounding area as well as working to meet the increased administrative requirements of the State.

We are required by the State to have completed a property revaluation by April 1, 2006. In order to accomplish this task, the Board drafted and sent out a Request for Proposal and solicited bids from accredited appraisal firms. We hope to make a selection soon and begin the revaluation process which will be done in phases over the next three years to meet our deadline.

The Selectmen have been working with the Planning Board and Road Agent to address the issue of development on Class VI roads. The goal is to bring development on those roads in line with the stated goals and objectives of the Town's Master Plan. In addition, revised road construction standards have been implemented to make sure the upgraded Class VI roads are improved in a manner that is consistent with existing Town roads.

The Board formally adopted the revised Welfare guidelines we worked on last year. We have also adopted new guidelines for securing bids for goods and services provided by sub-contractors.

The Board has begun a formal review of the existing building permit fee structure in an effort to ascertain if our current structure is both fair and consistent. Our goal is to have an updated fee structure in place in 2003, if we find it necessary.

One area of ever increasing activity is Code enforcement. The Board is exploring the possibility of having a part time code enforcement officer to deal with this issue.

Among the other items the Board has been working on this year are working with the State Department of Environmental Services with regard to the Town landfill, working with the Regional Solid Waste Cooperative to keep informed of any development plans for the possible ash landfill site near Exit 17, working with the Economic Development Committee to help locate

tenants for our Industrial Park, working with the Department of Transportation's Traffic Control Committee to refine and improve traffic for major events at the New Hampshire International Speedway and working with the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission on Town planning issues.

We would also like to take a moment to acknowledge all of the hard work and dedication of Jan Stout and Carol Landry. They both continue to work to improve the level of service we are able to offer to the citizens of Canterbury.

Finally, we would like to thank all of the citizens who volunteer their time and effort throughout the year for various projects. Canterbury has a great tradition of volunteerism, which has helped to provide many services, and programs that would otherwise be unavailable or too costly to provide. If you don't already volunteer your time, please consider doing so. It is a great way to give something back to our Town, which gives us all so much. The Board would like to wish you all a peaceful and prosperous 2003.

Respectfully submitted

Michael R. Capone, Chairman
Frank A. Tupper
James P. Bassett

Cheryl A. Gordon, Tax Collector For The Town of Canterbury, N.H.

Summary of Tax Warrants

For the Year Ending December 31, 2002

		LEVY OF 2002	LEVY OF 2001	LEVY OF 2000	LEVY OF 1999
Uncollected Taxes - Beginning					
Property Taxes			238,246.70		
Land Use			4,330.00		
Yield Taxes			2,842.48		
Interest					
Penalties - Other Taxes					
Other Charges					
Taxes Committed This Year					
Property Taxes	#3110	3,363,683.00	1,933.00		
Land Use Change	#3120	70,005.00			
Yield Taxes		30,244.42			
Excavation Tax	#3188	76.08			
Overpayment					
Property Taxes		8,788.00			
Collect. Int. - Late Taxes	#3190	3,281.31	9,938.52		
Penalties - Other Taxes					
Costs Before Lien	#3190		613.85		
	Total Debits	3,476,077.81	257,904.55		

Remitted to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	3,140,248.27	162,956.89
Land Use Change	52,624.52	4,330.00
Yield Taxes	29,891.65	2,842.48
Excavation Tax	76.08	
Interest	3,281.31	9938.52
Penalties - Other Taxes		613.85
Conversion to Lien		72,368.52
Cost not Liened		
Abatements Made		
Property Taxes	1,182.00	2,951.37
Land Use Change Tax	3,015.00	
Interest		
Current Levy Deeded		
Uncollected Taxes #1080		
Property Taxes	231,040.73	1,902.92
Land Use Change Tax	14,365.48	
Yield Taxes	352.77	
Interest		
Penalties - Other Taxes		
Other Charges		
Total Credits	3,476,077.81	257,904.55

Cheryl A. Gordon, Tax Collector For The Town of Canterbury, N.H.
Summary of Tax Lien Accounts
For the Year Ending December 31, 2002

		TOTAL	LEVY OF 2001	LEVY OF 2000	LEVY OF 1999	LEVY OF 1998
Unredeemed Liens – Beginning of Year		78,299.82		44,284.46	25,477.52	8,537.84
Liens Executed during year		72,368.52	72,368.52			
Interest & Cost		11,900.89	1,451.71	3,304.53	6,329.95	814.70
	Total	162,569.23	73,820.23	47,588.99	31,807.47	9,352.54
Redemptions		65,133.71	29,162.13	17,620.50	16,778.51	1,572.57
Interest & Costs #3190		11,900.89	1,451.71	3,304.53	6,329.95	814.70
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes		8,416.66		2,798.90	2,676.06	2,941.70
Liens deeded to Municipality						
Unredeemed Lien Balance #1110			43,206.39	23,865.06	6,022.95	4,023.57
	Total	85,451.26	73,820.23	47,588.99	31,807.47	9,352.54

Report of the Trust Funds, Summary of Principal, Income and Investments for the Town of Canterbury on December 31, 2002

Name and Purpose of Trust	How Invested *	Principal: Balance at Beginning of Year	Principal: New Funds Created	Principal: Capital Gains (Losses)	Principal: Withdrawals	Principal: Balance at End of Year	Income: Balance at Beginning of Year	Income: Income	Income: Expense	Income: Balance at End of Year	Total Principal & Income
Nonexpendable Trusts:											
Benjamin Whidden - Cong Chruch	0564-0006	200.00				200.00	7.03	3.80		10.83	210.83
Lucia Elkins - Library Books	0564-0007	4,000.00				4,000.00	158.06	64.78		222.84	4,222.84
Lucia Elkins - Library Repairs	0564-0008	1,000.00				1,000.00	39.63	15.70		55.33	1,055.33
Frank Drew - Library Unrestricted	0564-0009	3,000.00				3,000.00	118.66	48.46		167.12	3,167.12
Arthur & Mary Mudge - Library	0564-0010	424.00				424.00	16.75	7.11		23.86	447.86
Perpetual Care - Cemetery Lots	0564-0017 & Bow Mills Checking	26,875.00	600.00			27,475.00	9,103.75	512.42	36.15	9,580.02	37,055.02
Cemetery Improvements	0564-0016	8,425.00	200.00			8,625.00	3,016.41	172.85		3,189.26	11,814.26
Lucia Elkins - S&W Poor	0564-0011	6,987.00				6,987.00	8,484.07	207.12	1,854.22	6,836.97	13,823.97
John Kezar - School District	0564-0012	3,702.10				3,702.10	146.53	59.76		206.29	3,908.39
Thompson Memorial	0564-0015	500.00				500.00	1,216.24	25.94		1,242.18	1,742.18
Benevolent Fund - Glasses/Dental	0564-0013	700.00				700.00	2,100.78	42.04		2,142.82	2,842.82
Canterbury Youth Fund	0564-0014	751.00				751.00	2,091.06	42.69		2,133.75	2,884.75
		56,564.10	800.00	-	-	57,364.10	26,498.95	1,202.67	1,890.37	25,811.25	83,175.35
Expendable Trusts:											
Capital Reserve Funds											
Highway Equipment	0564-0003	5,000.00	5,000.00			10,000.00	638.96	89.48		728.44	10,728.44
Highway Trucks	0564-0004	5,000.00	5,000.00			10,000.00	316.43	84.69		401.12	10,401.12
Revaluation	0564-0021	-				-	1,726.39	26.06		1,752.45	1,752.45
Transfer Station	0564-0022	20,000.00				20,000.00	19,957.79	598.36		20,556.15	40,556.15
Road Grader	0564-0005	40,000.00	5,000.00		45,000.00	-	7,746.79	194.79	2,936.60	5,004.98	5,004.98
Library	0564-0002 & 23	100,000.00	45,000.00			145,000.00	8,913.08	1,682.12		10,595.20	155,595.20
Rescue Equipment	0564-0018	10,000.00	5,000.00			15,000.00	330.78	159.65		490.43	15,490.43
Fire Equipment	0564-0019	10,000.00	5,000.00			15,000.00	330.78	159.65		490.43	15,490.43
Conservation	0564-0020	20,000.00	20,000.00			40,000.00	871.43	332.59		1,204.02	41,204.02
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		210,000.00	90,000.00	-	45,000.00	255,000.00	40,832.43	3,327.39	2,936.60	41,223.22	296,223.22
Totals		266,564.10	90,800.00	-	45,000.00	312,364.10	67,331.38	4,530.06	4,826.97	67,034.47	379,398.57

* How Invested: Numbers beginning 0564 are separate funds within the NH Public Deposit Investment Pool of MBIA Municipal Investors Service Corp.

Canterbury Historical Society Report

Through diverse programs, the CHS Newsletter, and Houser Museum exhibits, the Canterbury Historical Society provided opportunities for Canterbury citizens and visitors to delve into aspects of Canterbury's and our nations past.

The programs were well attended and engaging, with stimulating audience participation. The Houser Museum was open on Saturday mornings throughout the summer, as well as on special occasions, and people who dropped in appreciated the glimpses into Canterbury's past that were incorporated into the exhibits.

The interaction of past, present and future are important in perpetuating Canterbury's spirit of community and identity as the world around us changes in rapid and far-reaching ways. The Canterbury Historical Society will continue to focus on building "social capital" in our town.
The following programs were offered:

- -a potluck supper and dance in March
- -Canterbury craftsman Brian Braskie speaking on Shaker Chair Design and Being Self-Employed
- -Dr. Lawrence Douglas from Plymouth State College on Life in Granite State During World War II
- -the annual summer Fiddler's Picnic
- -Catherine Dickson, a founder of the Canterbury Historical Society, speaking on Canterbury as I Remember it
- -Alan MacKillop, a volunteer with the Manchester Historic Assoc. on Grandma Remembers: Oral History
- -George Glines speaking on the 150 years of the Glines family living off the land in Canterbury and transforming a part of the farm into a golf course

We appreciate these individuals sharing their reflections and insights.

In the coming year, the CHS will continue to present programs to engage the community, as well as continue to build our archival collection and make our resources readily available to folks who want to do family history projects, explore aspects of Canterbury's past, and provide resources on local history to students in our schools. We are grateful for the on-going support of the community and blessed with a dedicated, committed, and loyal Board of Trustees. This combination points to another great year of celebrating Canterbury's past, present and future.

E. Charles Sanborn
President

Cemetery Trustees Report

We have squeaked through another year at the cemeteries. There has been no increase in the budget for over 4 years. This year is the time, as you know there is a lot of upkeep to the grounds, not just the cemeteries but the town center as well.

Two years ago, we lost our "Grave Man" to bigger and better things. Since then, Phil and the Road Crew have kept the grounds looking good. It is a lot to ask considering everything else they have to do.

If anyone is interested in the upkeep of the cemeteries and town center, please speak to Phil.

Respectfully submitted

Hugh Fifield
Regina Lamprey
Virginia Dudley

Elkins Library 2002 Report

The year 2002 saw a slight increase in the numbers of books, audiotapes, videotapes, and magazines that circulated. The library sponsored more programs in 2002 and added new patrons. Our increased Saturday hours have been well used by patrons doing Saturday trips to the dump and the Center.

The defeat of our third bond was very painful with the obvious space needs of our overcrowded facility. A capital campaign fund had been successfully launched before the vote and raised over $35,000 in money and pledges by Town Meeting.

Our computers have been very busy with Internet searches, writing reports, and emailing. Our ATT broadband connection continues to save the town money and to allow quick connection to the Internet. Internet use has more than doubled. Computerized checkout is finally up and running after great effort and time was spent to bar code our entire collection of over 10,000 books. The computerized system will make it much easier to keep track of books.

The Friends of the Library group has continued to be incredibly active. They meet on a monthly basis and have organized several fundraising events. A very well received Duck Race raised money for the Library building fund as did yard, bake, and book sales. They also planned a cookie swap for the December open house. Their enthusiasm, support, and creative ideas are greatly appreciated.

Our July reading program "Lions and Tigers and Books, Oh My" reached 129 Canterbury children with weekly crafts, stories, and musical presentation of jungle songs from Steve Blunt. A generous grant from the State Library helped to fund this very successful program. Weekly story hours were well attended, and third graders from the Elementary School visited on a weekly basis.

Our Christmas open house was made possible by the help of wonderful volunteers. Tim Gershin provided both Christmas music, and jolly old St. Nick made it back this year (trustee John Bouton). The Friends organized a cookie swap with plates of delicious cookies and their recipes changing hands.

Once again our library has benefited from the unselfish donation of that most precious commodity, time. From our trustees, building committee members, Friends, volunteers, fair workers, and bar coders, we have received many, many hours. Thanks to all.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Leidinger Chairperson of the Trustees

Librarian's Report

Total Circulation of Materials:	15,368
Adult Fiction	3,762
Adult Non-Fiction	986
Youth Fiction	4,952
Youth Non-Fiction	766
Audio Cassettes	1,330
Video Cassettes	3,025
Magazines	272
CD's	53
Inter-Library Loans	582

Materials purchased in 2002	
Adult Fiction	161
Adult Non-Fiction	95
Youth Fiction	159
Youth Non-Fiction	95
Audio Cassettes	60
Video Cassettes	51
DVD's	14
Donations (Books, Audio's & Videos)	149

Library activities have continued to grow steadily. This year there were a total of 33 programs such as story hour, summer reading, book discussion group, holiday open house and other special events with a total of 434 children and 381 adults in attendance. Internet access continues to be popular with a total of 771 users. Another increase occurred through the inter-library loan service. Elkins patrons borrowed 389 books from libraries throughout the State and loaned out 193. A new DVD and books on CD collection is in its early state of development.

We wish to express our gratitude to the may volunteers who have presented programs, assisted with the book sale, donated materials and professional services over the past year. A special thanks to the devoted Friends of the Library steering committee for great ideas and many hours of service.

Susan LeClair, Director
Elaine DiStefano, Assistant

Annual Report Of The Canterbury Police Department

The year 2002 was a busy twelve months for the police department. We encountered an increase in motor vehicle accidents; domestic violence investigations and weapon related calls. We have also received 33 percent more calls for service for items such as dog complaints and disputes between neighbors.

The good news is that we have had a tremendous decrease in home burglaries, juvenile related incidents and, after we obtained a sound meter, motorcycle noise complaints. I would credit these decreases to our continuous effort toward community policing, zoned patrol areas and the dedication and outstanding work of Cpl. Larry Phillips, Officer Todd Sheehan, Officer James Dunne and our office manager, Janet Emerson. I am very proud to have the opportunity to work with such a remarkable team of people.

For over a year the police department, with the support of the selectmen, has worked hard at getting speed signs installed at the elementary school. The signs flash to remind drivers of the lowered speed limit during the arrival and departure of the children. Unfortunately, the snow came earlier than expected and delayed the project until the poles can be put into the ground.

We are here for you and therefore we like to hear, from you. We appreciate each and every call that we receive. We are a part-time police department that strives to give you full-time service. Let us know how we can best serve you.

Lastly, I would like to extend a sincere thank-you to The Town of Canterbury, The Selectmen and all town employees for all the encouragement and support that has been bestowed upon your police department. May we all have a safe 2003.

Gwen E. Deurell
Chief of Police

Annual Report Of The Canterbury Voluntary Fire Department

Canterbury Fire & Rescue is a volunteer organization whose job it is to preserve life and property in the Town of Canterbury. All 19 active members are volunteers. They respond to calls from their homes or from their workplace. From our single fire station in the Town Center, we operate six vehicles: two rescue/pumpers; a hazardous spills remediation-capable utility pumper; two forestry rigs and a rescue truck. We fight house fires and car fires, brush, field, and forest fires, and address a full range of medical and rescue emergencies.

We maintain vehicle accident extrication and stabilization skills (utilizing the "Jaws of Life" and air bags) along with ropes rescue and water rescue capabilities. Medical emergency calls are an ever-increasing part of our service to townspeople. Seven EMT's and two paramedics are ready to assist with CPR, oxygen therapy, and heart monitoring/defibrillation. We are also trained in off-the-road search and rescue techniques often involving skiers, snowmobile riders, mountain bikers, hunters and hikers.

In 2002 there were **245** calls for service, up from **219** last year -- a **12%** increase. The calls are broken down into the two major categories of Medical and Fire.

99 Medical Aid (EMS) of which 33 were Motor Vehicle Accidents. Our EMT's and paramedics provide initial primary care, stabilize the injury and prepare the patient(s) for transport to the hospital. These services range from treating minor injures not requiring a hospital visit to a higher level of care from our paramedics. Paramedic services include drug therapy, intravenous medications and heart monitoring/defibrillation.

146 Fire and Rescue Calls:

Mutual Aid assistance 19	Forest fire investigations 6
Fire in a building (Canterbury) 2	Service Calls 5

Odor Investigation (outside) 3	False alarms 12
Outside fire investigation 5	Chimney fires 1
Unintentional alarm activation's 11	Malicious false alarms 0
C02 detectors sounding 3	Odor Investigation (inside) 2
Fire in a building (Mutual Aid) 7	Vehicle fires 15
Brush and forest fires 4	Illegal brush fires 9
Hazardous materials spills 4	Off road rescue 2
Vehicle Extrication 2	Power lines down 19

Total 2002 calls 245

The following Life Safety and State Fire Code Inspections were completed:

New home code compliance 8	Business code compliance 5
School safety compliance 6	Other inspections 4

68 State of NH brush burning permits were issued by our 4 Wardens, and 9 Inspections of logging operations for compliance with the NH Timber Harvest Laws were carried out.

We find ourselves striving to do more with fewer people. Even with the addition of three new members, our 19 men and women still each volunteer an average of 20 hours a week to train, maintain equipment and respond to calls. To maintain the service you have come to expect we have committed what resources we receive from the Town to purchasing modern, efficient equipment; equipment which helps to guarantee the safety of our members--your neighbors--as they assist you in your emergency.

The new Municipal facility will add desperately needed space to our operation. We currently have six trucks in five bays with no room for training or office space. This new building will also help with the recruitment and retention of volunteers, providing them with a clean, dry and warm space to train and maintain equipment.

On January 15th of this year we were notified that our application for a FEMA Fire Act Grant in the amount of $29,000 was approved. This 10% matching grant which will allow us to purchase additional Scott air packs and a thermal imager.

Please remember to Dial 911 for all your emergency needs. During brush fire season (when the snow no longer completely covers the ground), a Burn Permit Hot Line is available at 783-4798. This number connects you to a recording, which will provide information on when brush burning is allowed and the procedure for obtaining a State of New Hampshire burning permit.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Dale Caswell

Annual Report Of The Canterbury Planning Board

The year 2002 was a year of reflection, evaluation and clarification for the planning board. Each issue that came before the board represented a new opportunity to add meaning and clarity to the language and intent of both policy and ordinance. The Class VI Road Policy, generated in 2001 to fairly address the issue of building on Class VI Roads, has been practically applied, and appears reasonable and appropriate in use. 2001 saw full and effective use of the telecommunications ordinance in governing the incorporation of a cell tower, yet careful evaluation of the Zoning Ordinance revealed language at odds with wise planning. Thus a dimension of this year has been the ongoing refinement and potential revision of the Zoning Ordinance to ensure it remains internally consistent, and current.

In the course of the year the board has acted on eight requests for minor subdivisions, resulting in the creation of eleven new lots. Additionally, the board has approved six lot line adjustments. Compared against the scale and scope of subdivision and land transactions in surrounding communities, this is remarkable. In large part it is a tribute to all those farsighted individuals who, long ago, recognized the inherent beauty of Canterbury, and imagined a thoughtful means by which change and growth might occur in a planned way. Without that early emphasis, and generations of careful, considered planning, Canterbury might surely have been shaped from without, rather than within,

In the spirit and tradition of those who've come before, this board has begun a series of ongoing work groups intended to address those dynamic issues fundamental to effective planning. The Master Plan and the Capitol Improvements Plan frame the global view necessary to provide for balanced growth. The power of ordinance and policy alike is derived from these and must be consistent with their intent. Each work group will gather information specific to an essential aspect of town planning. It will further note changes in the laws governing planning issues, and recommend action as appropriate. Information compiled and filed may than be passed on as board members change.

As an ongoing work group of one, Nancy Lilly continues to be a marvel of insight and support as she gathers what we say and reminds us why we said it. Thank you Nancy.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Egan, Chairman
Jim Snyder, Vice-Chairman

FIGURE 1
TOWN OF CANTERBURY
PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS: 2003-2009

#	DEPARTMENT Project	Estimated Project Cost (2003 dollars)	Priority Rating	Estimated Donations	Reserve funds as of 2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Beyond this CIP Post 2009	TOTAL
	Town Municipal Complex													
1	Highway / Police / Fire Department / Library / Town Hall / Elkins Building	$2,700,000	Essential		$125,000		$244,000	$230,000	$224,700	$219,400	$214,100	$208,800	$2,354,750	$3,820,750
2	Land Acquisition - Town Municipal Complex					$83,000								
	DEPARTMENT: RECYCLING													
2	Plastics Granulator	$5,000	Deferrable										$5,000	$5,000
	DEPARTMENT: CONSERVATION COMMISSION													
3	Land Acquisition-Hildreth Field	$150,000	Deferrable	$50,000									$100,000	$150,000
	DEPARTMENT: HIGHWAY													
	DEPARTMENT: FIRE/RESCUE													
4	Rescue Truck	$150,000	Enhancement		$15,000						$55,000	$55,000		$150,000
	DEPARTMENT: POLICE													
5	Replacement of 1996 cruiser	$32,000	Essential			$32,000								$32,000
6	Replacement of 2001 cruiser	$32,000	Essential						$32,000					$32,000
	DEPARTMENT: PLANNING BOARD													
7	Digitize Tax Maps	$6,400	Enhancement			$6,400								$6,400
	PREVIOUS PROJECTS/DEBT PAYMENTS													
	Grader / Ind Park / Building Improvements					$68,707.50	$61,000	$55,000	$49,000	$48,000				$281,708
	RESERVE FUNDS (for projects not otherwise listed above)*													
	Fire Apparatus					*$5,000*	*$5,000*	*$5,000*	*$5,000*	*$5,000*	*$5,000*	*$5,000*		$35,000
	Rescue Apparatus					*$5,000*	*$5,000*	*$5,000*	*$5,000*	*$5,000*	*$5,000*	*$5,000*		$35,000
	Revaluation					*$30,000*	*$30,000*	*$30,000*	*$30,000*	*$30,000*	*$30,000*	*$30,000*		$210,000
	Conservation Land					*$20,000*	*$20,000*	*$20,000*	*$20,000*	*$20,000*	*$20,000*	*$20,000*		$140,000
	Highway Equipment					$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000		$35,000
	Highway Truck					$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000		$35,000
	TOTALS	$3,075,400			$140,000	$260,108	$375,000	$355,000	$375,700	$337,400	$339,100	$333,800	$2,459,750	$4,967,858
	Approximate Portion of Tax Rate for capital project spending					$2.60	$3.75	$3.55	$3.76	$3.37	$3.39	$3.34		

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NOTES:

1. Figures shown in italics represent amount placed in reserve.
2. Figures shown in bold represent bond payments including interest.
3. Loans were calculated assuming 4.5% interest, equal annual principal payments.

* These are capital reserve funds already established by the town for future projects not yet specifically identified. Figure 1 shows suggested allocations for future years based on previous years' amounts.

NOTE: The Canterbury Planning Board has prepared this CIP as an advisory document for use by the Town Budget Committee, Board of Selectmen, and residents. The preparation of this CIP does not commit the Town of Canterbury to fund any of the projects within, nor to schedule any projects in a certain order, nor does it preclude other projects from being funded by the Town.

PRIORITY RATINGS DESCRIPTION

Class	Description
Essential	- Cannot be delayed, needed immediately for health and safety, or, - Needed to maintain basic level and quality of community service, or, - Projects involving the regular replacement of equipment with a typical useful life of 10 years or less
Enhancement	- Desirable within 6 years to improve quality or level of service
Deferrable	- Can be placed on hold until after 6-year period, but supports community development goals, or
Inconsistent	- Project which needs more research, planning, or coordination - Contrary to land use planning or community development goals, or, - Does not meet definition of capital improvement

Town of Canterbury
Zoning Board of Adjustment
2002 Review

Case #	Applicant	Appeal	Decision
2002-1	Doug Thompson Garage/Accessory Apt.	Special Exception	Withdrawn
2002-2	Michael & Memory Geurin Home Occupation	Special Exception	Granted
2002-3	Carol & Art Landry House Addition	Special Exception	Granted
2002-4	Mary & Nat Witschonke Collocation Tele-communications Antennas	Variance	Denied
2002-5	Judith Ansaldi Single Family House	Special Exception	Granted
2002-6	Ricky & Jessica Lowe Front Setback – Shed	Special Exception	Granted
2002-7	Luke Smith Front Setback	Special Exception	Granted
2002-8	Michele & Donald Blajda Existing House Relocation	Special Exception	Granted
2002-9	Rick & Nancy Parry Home Occupation	Special Exception	Granted
2002-10	Mary Jo Haney Reed New House/Acc Apt.	Special Exception	Granted
2002-11	Howard R. Fogle Jr. Building Setback	Special Exception	Granted

2002-12	Gary Kokernak Building Setback	Variance	Granted
2002-13	Richard Robinson Home Occupation	Special Exception	Granted
2002-14	Susan & Steven Andriks Garage Addition	Special Exception	Granted
2002-15	Reginald Cloutier New House/Accessory Apt.	Special Exception	Granted
2002-16	Judith Ansaldi Building Setback-Deck	Variance	Denied
2002-17	Timothy Welcome Building Setbacks	Special Exception	Granted
2002-18	James MacCartney Relocation Preexisting Barn	Variance	Granted
2002-19	Mark Padula Excavation Business	Variance	Denied
2002-20	Yvette Rudolph Single Family House	Special Exception	Granted
2002-21	Brian Burns Single Family House	Variance	Granted
2002-22	Withdrawn		
2002-23	Robyn Nelson Single Family House	Variance	Withdrawn
2002-24	Canterbury Shaker Village Commercial Restaurant	Special Exception	Pending

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Carlson

Annual Report Of The Canterbury Conservation Commission

In 2002, the Conservation Commission successfully continued its commitment to preserving and protecting Canterbury's natural resources and its unique rural quality and character. The Commission drafted a Strategic Plan that outlines our mission, goals, and priorities; and devised strategies for focusing its work accordingly to identify and conserve the town's natural resources.

As development pressures become more of a concern to Canterbury, the Commission has reached out to the surrounding towns to begin the process of sharing our thoughts, ideas, and pooling resources. We held a joint meeting with the Loudon Conservation Commission and discussed the establishment of greenways along the town boundaries. We maintain correspondence with the Northfield Conservation Commission about issues and common concerns. We thank all the citizens of Canterbury for their ongoing support, volunteerism, and commitment throughout the year. Below is a summary of the projects we have completed, projects involving perpetual monitoring, and newly acquired parcels.

Town Owned Properties

- **Kimball Pond** – The Hammer Head parking lot is complete. This new parking will permit several vehicles to park at one time and to allow a safer alternative to backing out of the area when entering Kimball Pond Road. We thank the Highway Department for constructing the parking lot. The Commission placed appropriate signage of No Motorized Vehicles Permitted to keep vehicles off the ice in the winter. Volunteers and members of the Commission mowed the grass, cut brush, and picked up litter. And many thanks to Mark Stevens for designing the new parking lot and for his continuous monitoring of the area.

- **Riverland Conservation Areas** – Poison ivy and brush were controlled by the aid of volunteers. Members monitored the easement properties and welcomed Matt Cadarette, the new landowner of the former Booth property.

- **Thunberg Conservation Site** – The easement boundary lines were located and blazed.

- **Misery Lot –** The Commission studied this property extensively this year. Deed research, groundtruthing, and baseline documentation were performed. Members conducted a detailed scientific study about the natural communities within this parcel.

Invasive species – Several of Canterbury's wetlands have been invaded by the alien species, purple loosestrife *(Lythrum salicaria)*. Loosestrife is an ornamental plant that most often escapes homeowner's gardens and grows in wetlands. Once established, it out competes the native vegetation that is vital to providing food and shelter to wildlife. Efforts towards ridding this species are ongoing. We would like to thank the community for voluntarily removing purple loosestrife from their gardens and for assisting the commission in manually pulling this species from our wetlands. We appreciate that the community recognizes the ecological threat that this species has on the native biodiversity and for their judicious efforts in helping to eradicate it from Canterbury's precious wetlands.

The Commission continues to monitor and assess New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Wetland Dredge and Fill applications. There were several permits given for the construction of driveway culverts. The Commission monitored timber-harvesting practices and recommended best management practices (BMP) to assist landowners in complying with wetland rules and regulations.

Land Acquisitions

The Conservation Commission has worked in collaboration with landowners, State agencies, and non-profit organizations to assist in the facilitation of protecting parcels of land that contain unique and rare natural communities. We will continue to pursue the option of acquiring the Hildreth Field located near the center of town. The Commission has requested $20,000 from the Capital Investment Program (CIP). If this request is granted, the capital will be placed in the land reserve fund. An important benefit to this fund is that it will give the town an opportunity to receive matching funds from governmental and non-profit organizations. The availability of immediate funds will better enable the town to acquire land in the future.

The Conservation Commission worked with several landowners who donated or sold their land to the town. We thank these landowners for their foresight, commitment, and dedicated stewardship for conserving the town's natural resources; including it's forests, wetlands, plants and wildlife, recreation and aesthetic values, and protecting the land from ever being developed in the future.

We encourage residents to explore their land protection options. The Commission has informative literature, booklets, and tax incentive information for anyone interested in learning more about the benefits of placing their land under a conservation easement. Members are available and willing to answer any questions you may have.

- **Rocky Pond Conservation Area** – Anyone who has driven Route 106 and enjoyed the scenic quality of the beautiful hilltop above Rocky Pond is

assured that this view will remain untouched for future generations. The landowners of these parcels gave generous donations and negotiated reasonable selling prices thus permitting the town to affordably acquire three parcels of land; totaling 14.9 acres. In conjunction with past town acquisitions, there is a combined total of 76.45 contiguous acres of unfragmented land surrounding Rocky Pond. As of this print, conservation parcels are continually being acquired to add to the protection of the Rocky Pond natural area.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) - Warrant Article passed last year for the purchase of a new computer and GIS system. The Commission has been very active with using this new system for the long term natural resource protection and land planning needs of the Town. A subcommittee was formed and members worked collaboratively to collect datasets for the creation of maps. Meredith Cooper presented and provided the Commission with the results of her computer generated basic natural resource inventory she completed as part of her graduate work through Antioch College. Mark Stevens, Kelly Short, and Kathie Fife attended a free "GIS Training for Municipalities" course offered by the UNH Transfer Technology program. Attendees learned the basics of using ArcView GIS, incorporating various data types into ArcView, manipulating data, data analysis, and creating maps. The UNH Cooperative Extension loaned out mapping quality GPS (Global Positioning Systems) receivers to the Commission at no charge. Members used the GPS units to map trails, boundary lines, and rare natural communities. GPS and GIS data identifies natural resources that are fundamental to the development of comprehensive conservation management plans for the protection of open space, critical wildlife habitat, and maintaining Canterbury's rural character.

Conservation Survey Results – Thanks to everyone who took the time to complete the Conservation Survey at the 2002 Town Meeting. Results of the questionnaire will be on display at the 2003 Town Meeting. We thank statistician, Anne Nordstrom for helping to design and tabulate the results of the conservation survey. This information provides valuable community feedback that is an important direction to help the Commission set priorities.

Presentations and Seminars

- **Herp Monitoring Survey Program** - Kathie Fife coordinated this program to recruit and train volunteers to conduct herp (reptile and amphibian) surveys in town. She gave three free training sessions that were well attended by the community. A special thanks to Bob Quinn for co-leading the lively Herp Training session held at Canterbury Shaker Village. In all, 25 residents signed up to monitor for herps. The commission has developed a database from the information received from the surveys. This data is used in conjunction with GIS for the development of natural resource conservation management plans. Please send in your

reports if you have not done so from last year. The program will continue this year with more free training available.

- **"The Dollars and Sense of Open Space"** by Dijit Taylor, Director of the Center for Land Conservation Assistance, was well attended by the community. Thanks to all those who participated and for your valuable feedback.

The Conservation Commission would like to thank: All those who have volunteered their time and skills in helping with land maintenance needs; Mark Stevens for his professional services in assisting with land acquisitions and for his mapping skills; the Canterbury Selectmen for their participation and support at our meetings; friends and volunteers of the commission – Jennifer Keenan and Jessie Taylor, and our two new Alternates – Kathie Fife and Fred Norton.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Fife, Chair
Canterbury Conservation Commission

We would like to take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge the contributions that have been made over the past 25 years by the current chairman, Mr. Bob Fife. Bob has been on the CCC since the very first Conservation meetings in town, and has served as the Chairman of the Commission for about 12 years. Bob has donated countless hours of volunteer time, following up on wetland complaints, reviewing wetland applications, installing and maintaining duck boxes, perambulating easements, building nature trails, creating and putting up signs, and seeking out potential new acquisitions deserving to be conserved and protected. A lot of the protected/preserved land in Town that we all enjoy and benefit from is the result of hard work of the CCC with Bob at the helm. Thank you Bob!

Members and Friends of the Canterbury Conservation Commission

Annual Report Of The Economic Development Committee

Following the March 2002 Town Meeting to vote to bond a portion of the road to the Town Industrial land at Exit 18, the Committee reviewed various options for completing the construction. The Selectmen were approached to determine the availability of the Road Crew to assist in the completions of the construction and it was determined that Phil Stone and the Road Crew would undertake the project in mid summer. The result of their efforts is the completion of the first phase of the new Town Road at the industrial site at a cost which is well below previous estimates and quotations. Pike completed the base coat of paving in early September and the finish coat of paving will be completed in the spring of 2003. As a result of the Town's support for the road bond and the Road Crew's efforts, the community is poised for development of the property. The Committee wished to thank the residents of Canterbury and the Road Crew for their support.

With the completion of the road, interest in the site has increased. Several potential developers and end users have been to the site to inspect possible locations. Area real estate brokers have been contracted and toured to expand the marketing of the property. The Committee remains committed to careful development of the property to ensure that any development is sensitive to the existing property uses within the neighborhood and that as properties are developed the investments are protected. In this vein the covenants developed for the industrial site are being revised to foster development of a consistent quality and compatible uses. While the first transfer of land has yet to occur, the presence of the road has already increased interest in the park. Hopefully by this time next year, the first site will be occupied.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl Hall, Chairman

Recycle Committee Annual Report – 2002

THE RECYCLING COMMITTEE MEETS THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE SAM LAKE HOUSE AT 6:30 P.M. THE COMMITTEE WELCOMES VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS AT ANY TIME.

Canterbury's contract with Wheelabrator (trash-to-energy plant) requires the Town to commit to a certain number of tons of trash each year – the GAT (guaranteed annual tonnage). The fee in 2001 and 2002 was $37.00 per ton of trash (up to a base of 733 tons). The fee per ton over the base of 733 is $66.50. The Town budgeted for 710 tons in 2002 and exceeded that 710 by 116.29 (total tonnage of 826.29).

Annual Reconciliation:

Budget:

GAT	710	X	$37.00	=	$26,270.00
Base	733			=	
Over Base	0				
Total Paid					$26,270.00

Actual:

Delivered	826.29				
Base	733.00	X	$37.00	=	$27,121.00
Over Base	93.29	X	$66.50	=	$6,203.79
Total Due					$33,324.79

Due to Co-op

Actual 2002					$33,324.79
Budget 2002					-$26,270.00
Due to co-op					$7,054.79

The Recycling Committee is looking at a number of ways we can reduce the annual trash tonnage. One very exciting venture was the start-up of a recycling program at Canterbury Elementary School. In order to raise money for this program, compost bins were sold for $30 each. A $5 profit

from each sale was used to purchase the holding bins for the paper and plastic.

The sales of compost bins have been a great success in the past and we hope to offer them again in 2003.

Plans for 2003 include the sale of compost bins, a hazardous waste collection day, additional repairs to the Recycling Center, the continual study of State-mandated landfill capping, and the addition of other recyclable commodities.

The expansion of Canterbury's recycling program and reduction in solid waste depends on the future of the Recycling Center. In order to expand the vast opportunities to recycling and meet the growing population of Canterbury, the town will need to expand the Recycling Center. The Committee will be working with the Building Needs Committee to establish such a plan.

The myth that "recycling must pay for itself" is just that, a myth. Recycling programs DO cost money to plan, implement and operate. However the cost of those programs is certainly cheaper than the alternative costs of hauling to and operating a state-of-the-art landfill or waste-to-energy facility.

Thank you for the on-going support of our recycling efforts. Without your help and understanding of the importance of recycling, we could not have made a difference.

Heidi Hutchinson, Chair
Norman Bowles
Sara Macey
Jill McCullough
Linda Peters
Melanie Stephens
Sarah Tirrell-Wysocki
Frank Tupper

HISTORY OF THE CANTERBURY TOWN HALL
(MEETING HOUSE)

The following sketch of this historic building is from the pen of Miss Mary E. Clough, being an able address delivered by her at the dedication of the present town hall, in 1884:

"Assembled as we are to-night for the first time in our new and commodious hall, it seems fitting to say our good-bye and pay respect to the old. Our present building is to all appearance a new one, and yet we need look back only a few months to be reminded that it has a history...Five hundred dollars were appropriated for the present repairs; we will learn ... what its previous costs have been. No building in town ... has known such vicissitudes, none has served such various uses. The younger portion of this audience may not know that it was originally a church, and that the same frame has withstood the wind and weather for nearly one hundred and thirty years. Still its timbers are sound and strong.

... "As early as 1743 we find that an appropriation was made for the building of a fort and meeting-house in Canterbury, but no further action had been taken until 1750. At a meeting of the proprietors of the town...it was agreed that a vote passed September 21, 1743, about building a meetinghouse for the public worship of God in Canterbury... be confirmed and the dimensions fixed. 'Voted that said meeting house to be raised, the outside finished, the windows made and glazed and a lower floor laid at or before the last day of September, in the year 1751. The house shall be forty-five feet in length by thirty-five in breadth.'

..."The work seemed to go on slowly. This is not surprising when we consider the difficulty of the undertaking. There was land to till to furnish subsistence, houses to be built to shelter themselves and their families, hostile Indians to watch and to fight, the timbers and boards to hew and finish without the aid of modern tools and machinery. ...

"An ingenious plan was resorted to for the inside finishing. The pew-ground... of which there were eighteen lots, was sold at public vendue. Each purchaser, must, within two years, build his pew in a handsome and workman-like manner; failing to do this he forfeited his pew-ground...

"The house was ready for occupancy in the autumn of 1756...the committee to receive the meeting-house, having first viewed and found it finished according to the vote of the proprietors... The house as thus finished seems to have served the dual purpose of church and town-house, without change, up to the year 1785, at which time the matter of repairing or building new was brought up.

..."The second and third articles in the town-meeting warrant of February 1, 1785 are to see if the inhabitants will take any measure for repairing the meeting-house, ... and if not, see if they will take it down and build a new one. At the meeting called by this warrant it was voted to raise money for repairing; also to move it across the road ...Also voted 'to shingle and clapboard the fire-side of the meeting-house, and clapboard the west end and repair the east end and lay the gallery floor and put rails on the breast of the galleries and put pillars under the gallery girths.'

"The work does not appear to have been effected at this time, for again on February 26th, 1789, a special town-meeting was called for the same purpose. At said meeting it was voted 'that this meeting-house be removed to the north side of the road, ...' At an adjourned meeting it was voted that Benjamin Blanchard should clapboard and shingle the fireside of the meeting-house for thirty-four dollars' worth of neat stock, and at the same time a committee was appointed 'to see that this meeting-house, on the outside, be done workman-like.'

"In June of the same year money that came from the sale of the pew-ground...was voted for the making of two porches, one at each end. Again, the 22nd day of the same month, eighteen pounds was voted for repairs. This seems to have ended the struggle, and the old house was not disturbed again by the sound of axe and hammer for over thirty years. ... To it devout worshipers made their weekly pilgrimages, and in it the stormy town meetings were annually held. ...

"There came a time, about the year 1823, when the building was thought to be a place unfit for a place of religious worship...The frame has settled so much that on one side an open space of six inches was left between the roof and walls, where the winter winds and storms could sweep in at will; ... there was no way of warming the building; the windows were old and loose, and many cracks and seams in the sides and about the doors admitted more fresh air than was necessary...

"In the year 1823 the voters of the town were called upon to decide whether it should again be fitted up for a meeting-house and town-house, or whether a modern church should be built. ...This much was speedily settled, — that it was not expedient to repair the old meetinghouse for a place of religious worship, and it was decided to build a new. But what to do with this building in order to fit it out for town purposes called out project after project, and special meeting upon special meeting. The more conservative ones said , spare it; the radicals, tear it down. The matter was pending for several years before anything was accomplished. At the March meeting of 1825...an article in the warrant proposed 'to see if the town will vote to build a town-house...' The same year it was voted that 'the town-house be located within thirty rods of the old meeting-house, [and] that the old meeting house be cut down to one story, moved and finished for a town-house...' And so it would seem that the matter was pretty nearly adjusted. But not so; a petition of thirty ... voters called for a special meting the 18th of the following April to reconsider the vote of March 25th, also to see if the town will vote to locate a new town-house on the hill west of John Sutton's; to see if they will sell the old west meeting-house (this building)...; to see how much money the town will vote. ... Another article in the warrant calls for a house in the easterly part of the town, — this to serve as church and town house. And so the war of words went on. ... When the voters disagree, the majority usually decides. But not so, said these men. At the meeting of April 18th it was voted that 'the town clerk go...to the selectmen of Warner, requesting them to come to this town as a committee to locate the town-house, and their decision shall be final.' We do not learn that the town clerk ever attended to this duty or that the Warner men ever came. ...

"The varied history of our old building for the last sixty years, save that relating to town-meetings, no scribe has written, though much of it is fresh in the memories of older inhabitants. It was often used as a church, for its creed embraced all faiths. When the new church was closed against preachers of other denominations other than its own... the town house swung wide its doors to welcome them. ... It drew many hearers from the new church and often the larger congregation assembled there.

"While the present school-house was in course of building, it accommodated our school.

"To teacher or preacher, to school or to meeting, has our venerable building never been known to shut its door. It has been sort of an omnivorous creature, taking in whatever could or could not find a place elsewhere.

"But the annual town-fair was, for the first four or five years, a real gala-day for the old house. Here were displayed the best products of farm and garden, of dairy and kitchen...

"History repeats itself ...; so in our town-house story, there came another year, 1833, when some thought that the house needed repairing again, and the following year began a war, which, in the to-be-written history of Canterbury, may be known as the third town-house war. The active brains of active men set to work devising the best plan for getting a substantial house. These timbers were examined and found firm and sound, — good for another half century — so, as twice before, the old frame was spared. Now for the repairs. One party would have the outside made rain-proof and the inside remain intact; a second thought it better to renew both outside and inside, letting the building stand on the same foundation; some would raise it a few feet, others would move it forward ...; the party that prevailed ... would raise it enough to admit of horse-sheds underneath, and put the whole building in good condition.

"The work is done, and all now seem inclined to adopt the spirit of the proverb, "All's well that ends well,' and so amiable and sensible a way have our people of submitting to the inevitable that the current of good-will now seems to flow on as smoothly as if nothing had ever disturbed its course. ... We are glad that we can look out to night upon familiar faces, to assure ourselves that we are still residents of our good old town. The hewn oaken braces remain, suggesting strength and at the same time serving as a bond to connect the past with the present... .

*Copies of the complete and unabridged dedication speech are available from Kent Ruesswick, Old Tilton Road.

Report To The Selectmen
Canterbury Building Needs Committee

OVERVIEW:

During its first year of meetings the committee was able to identify a number of needs that faced the town relative to its municipal buildings and functions. In our second year, prioritizing those needs and initiating solutions became difficult for three primary reasons:

*Many of the needs had been deferred for years and were **equally urgent**.
*Some solutions required initial action in other areas before they could be addressed.
*Sites, or combination of sites, were difficult to identify.

When the Robinson field became available in the fall, it opened many doors. The last large centrally located site that existed, the five-acre field was of sufficient size to house a Municipal Complex that would include the Fire Department, Police Department and Highway Garage, with room for expansion in future years.

With the three departments currently housed in the heart of the Town Center being removed to a new -- but still central -- Municipal Complex, there was an opportunity to reconstruct the current Highway Garage and Fire Station into a Library slightly larger than what had been proposed in the past. Space not immediately utilized for the Library could be used for storage or display of Historical Society archives.

The former Police Station could be refitted with little construction into a central meeting place for approximately 50 people, which would serve the meeting room needs of the adjacent new Library, the Zoning Board of Adjustment, the Planning Board, the Selectmen's meetings and meetings of the various town committees. The present meeting space in the Sam Lake House could be redeveloped, with Sam Lake funds, into offices for the Selectmen, Building Inspection/Code Enforcement and other town departments.

Many cost benefits began to emerge from studies of these possibilities. By combining these projects into one capital improvement project, we would save the expense of contractors having to return to the town year after year and gearing up for new, separate projects. Under this proposal a construction supervisor can move crews to locations where they will be most efficient and economical.

Following are the buildings that would be affected and the specific needs that would be addressed:

TOWN HALL:

This is the oldest building in the Town Center. In former years it was a vital hub of town activities, both public and private. Historically, it has been used for Town meetings, the Canterbury Players, scouting, dances and other events. Restoration would allow for expanded meeting places, rental income, music concerts and similar events. Last year work was done to lower the building onto granite blocks, giving it a more historically accurate siting.

We recommend a new addition at the rear of the building with an ADA-compliant ramped entry, new bathrooms and a small kitchenette. During the past year the committee had been receiving and studying designs and costs for building such an addition to the Town Hall and implementing these improvements. The committee voted not to put construction on this addition out to bid in 2002 when it became evident that waiting to make these improvements part of the full capital building program would result in significant cost savings.

Additionally, the building should be fully insulated, energy efficient window treatment installed, and the basement cleaned, painted and secured for storage. The roof should be re-shingled with 40-year "architectural" shingles, similar to what is currently on the adjacent church. **Funds to initiate this phase of renovation have already been appropriated.**

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

It is the unanimous opinion of this committee that it is not in keeping with a vision for a more attractive and pedestrian-active center to have high-speed emergency vehicles and heavy equipment traffic

originating from the center. The following departments currently affect the Town Center in this way, and have similar and overlapping needs or considerations. **The CBNC recommends** that a combined Municipal Complex be built to house all three departments so that savings may be realized by the absence of duplication. The following individual and combined needs of the Town Garage, Fire Station and Police station would be addressed:

Town Garage: Additional space is needed to properly house all maintenance vehicles and equipment. There needs to be a proper area for repair and upkeep of equipment. Facilities should be provided for showers, bathrooms and sleeping (which will be shared with other departments). Salt and sand sheds and outdoor storage of supplies should be properly screened from direct view.

The benefits of relocating to a new complex include the removal of heavy vehicle traffic and unsightly storage (including gasoline) from the Town Center. There will be a reduction of heavy vehicle traffic passing the Elementary School on the way to the Town Dump.

Fire Department: Relocating to a new Municipal Complex provides the opportunity to create additional space for Fire and Rescue vehicles and equipment and proper area to provide repair and upkeep. There would be space to allow communications between departments during emergencies. Room for meetings and training (shared with other departments), offices, and storage would be provided. A small kitchenette/eating area (shared with other departments) and shower, bathroom and sleeping areas (also shared) would be available.

Again, significant heavy vehicle traffic would be removed from the core of the Town Center.

Police Department: The present facility does not meet legal requirements for privacy of juveniles, and is deficient in areas of safety, evidence storage and work area.

There is not room to garage all vehicles. There is no "detainment cell" or areas for proper interrogation. All of these needs would be met by including this department into the Municipal Complex. Additionally, the department has the shared availability of the common facilities, particularly important during town-wide emergencies.

TOWN LIBRARY:

Significant work and study has been done by the Library Committee to identify needs and develop designs and costs for a new library. The CBNC agrees with the findings of that committee. There is substantial need for increased space for books, program/meetings, proper bathroom facilities, librarians' work, computer and technology stations, children's activities and much more.

We recommend renovating the current town garage and fire station to create a new and expanded Library. Such a building would be in the New England Style with a brick and clapboard exterior and a pitched roof at the front. A porch across the front of the building could be built to join the former police station, which can be easily renovated into a meeting space for approximately 50 people. This can also provide some of the meeting and activity areas of the Library. The Zoning Board, Planning Board and other Town Committees can also use it. **Parking for 42 cars** would be developed in the area surrounded by the new library, Town Hall, and Community Church.

The CBNC believes that relocating the library to the site of the former Town Garage will complement the newly revitalized Town Hall, will draw more attention to the historic Houser Museum, and revitalize pedestrian activity in a currently isolated and unattractive corner of the Center.

SAM LAKE HOUSE:

The CBNC recommends that the foundation of the old portion of the Sam Lake House be stabilized and that the issue of moisture in the new basement be addressed. A new safety exit and new Town Clerk Counter/Window need to be created. With the removal of Board and Committee meetings to the new meeting space at the former police station, the current meeting space can be redeveloped into office/work space for the Selectmen. These repairs and improvements can be accomplished out of Sam Lake Funds and are not included in the cost of the Center project.

HOUSER HISTORICAL MUSEUM

After careful consideration and discussion, the CBNC agrees with the findings of the Historic Society that as part of the Town Hall/Library/Parking Area improvements, consideration be given to ways of improving access to the Museum by landscaping and providing access pathways. These additions will better tie it to the pedestrian center and allow for events to be held outside in proximity to this building. Benefits should be realized by virtue of its proximity to the improved parking and increased foot traffic in the area. The availability of a climate-controlled room for storing historical archives in the new library is also a benefit.

RECYCLING CENTER

A variety of improvements and repairs to the Recycling Center have been suggested. These projects are currently being covered by the Recycling Center's own budget and are not included in the Center Project. Future plans for expansion of the facility and redesign of traffic flow at the Recycling Center will be addressed after certain State issues have been resolved. The removal of the sand/salt storage shed from the site to the new Municipal Complex removes some traffic from the site and provides additional area for improvements.

TRAFFIC – PARKING – LANDSCAPING

A master landscaping and roadwork plan is proposed improve the center and increase parking for the Church, Library, and Town Hall, allowing for safe foot traffic through the center and creating a unified and attractive appearance to the Town Center.

SYNOPSIS

The specific recommendations of the Building Needs Committee are as follows:
Purchase the Robinson Land on Baptist Rd.
Approve a bond issue of 2.5 million dollars for the design and construction of a Municipal Complex, Town Hall addition, new Library in the location of the present fire dept./town garage, creation of a meeting space in the present police station, and implementing landscaping and parking improvements in the Town Center.

Utilize Sam Lake Funds to do repairs and improvements to the building and create offices for the Selectmen in the new portion.

CONCLUSION

A unique benefit of this plan is that there will be a dramatic change in efficiency and availability of town services into the next generation with an almost indiscernible difference in the face and character of the Town Center. Conceptual drawings and projected costs have been developed for these recommendations. The Committee is unanimous in their enthusiasm for the substantial gains and benefits the Town will realize at a price substantially below what was anticipated for these projects if they were to come on line individually over a period of the next several years.

Respectfully submitted,
Canterbury Building Needs Committee
Kent Ruesswick, Chairman

Births Registered in the Town of Canterbury, NH
for the year ending December 31, 2002.

Date of Birth	Child's Name	Birth Place	Father's Name	Mother's Name
01/19/02	Hannah Bethany Racine	Concord, NH	Jason Racine	Bethany Racine
02/06/02	Joshua Everett Holton	Concord, NH	Everett Holton	Anne Holton
03/17/02	Olivia Kieran Bynum	Concord, NH	Benjamin Bynum	Laura Bynum
03/18/02	Cody William York	Concord, NH	Mark York	Patricia York
03/26/02	Courtney Ann Gage	Lebanon, NH	Brian Gage	Maryann Gage
03/30/02	Elizabeth Ann Garcia	Concord, NH	Michael Garcia	Nancy Garcia
05/20/02	Colton James Keifer	Concord, NH	Christopher Keifer	Noreen Keifer
07/04/02	Alexa Kristie Napolitano	Concord, NH	Michael Napolitano	Kristie Napolitano
07/17/02	Hannah Nicole LeClair	Concord, NH	David LeClair	Krystin LeClair
08/03/02	Annie Grace Baker	Concord, NH	Erik Baker	Rachel Baker
08/24/02	Merriq James Shore	Concord, NH	Matthew Shore	Kathleen Shore
09/30/02	Chantalle Noel Gagnon	Manchester, NH	John Gagnon	Lorna Gagnon
11/03/02	Gwendolyn Nicole Bowler	Concord, NH	Christopher Bowler	Melissa Bowler
12/09/02	Olivia Grace Bowser	Concord, NH	Matthew Bowser	Stephanie Bowser

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Cheryl A. Gordon, Town Clerk

Deaths **R**egistered in the **T**own of **C**anterbury, NH
for the year ending December 31, 2002.

Date	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Name of Father	Name of Mother
05/12/02	Laconia, NH	Stacey R. Rachdorf	Herman Rachdorf	Eleanor Seymour
05/21/02	Canterbury, NH	Violet E. Miller	Harold Small	Ethel Perkins
06/26/02	Boscawen, NH	Mary Moretto	Domenic Viscione	Antonette Viscione
07/01/02	Canterbury, NH	Gladys E. Reiser	Unknown	Ethel Cormier
07/07/02	Concord, NH	Fred J. Bruner	Frederick Bruner	Ruth Esther
07/28/02	Concord, NH	Norma M. Smith	Walter Mattson	Gladys Hardy
08/05/02	Concord, NH	Harry R. Wheeler	Albert Wheeler	Catherine Ross
10/01/02	Concord, NH	Carol London	Richard Sloat	Grace Pawson
11/08/02	Canterbury, NH	Eleanor B. Thompson	Garrett Bromley	Adelaide Swift

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Marriages Registered in the Town of Canterbury, NH
for the year ending December 31, 2002

Date	Name of Groom and Bride	Place of Residence
02/14/02	Arthur E. Hudson	Canterbury, NH
	Sally D. Palmer	Canterbury, NH
03/24/02	Patrick S. Ruane	Canterbury, NH
	Danielle L. Pacik	Canterbury, NH
05/11/02	Nicholas I. Kaminski	Canterbury, NH
	Jennifer A. Gooding	Canterbury, NH
06/15/02	Mathias K. Roth	Canterbury, NH
	Amy M. Wurster	Pembroke, NH
07/06/02	Bruce C. Shute	Loudon, NH
	Amanda J. Fifield	Canterbury, NH
07/13/02	Thomas F. Mortell	Canterbury, NH
	Beth A. Klardie	Canterbury, NH
07/20/02	Daniel E. Copeland	Falls Church, VA
	Martha A. Wells	Canterbury, NH
09/01/02	Scott E. Buxton	Canterbury, NH
	Kara Godfrey	Canterbury, NH
09/21/02	Edward R. LeClair	Canterbury, NH
	Susan I. Holmes	Canterbury, NH
09/21/02	James R. Sherburne	Waterford, VT
	Elizabeth A. Curtis	Canterbury, NH
11/04/02	Richard A. Smith	Concord, NH
	Brenda Murray	Canterbury, NH

12/20/02	William H. Hopkins	Canterbury, NH
	Anita V. McCaw	Canterbury, NH
12/29/02	Shawn A. Parker	Canterbury, NH
	Christina M. Barbosa	Loudon, NH
12/31/02	Bradley W. Miracle	Tilton, NH
	Heather Miracle	Canterbury, NH

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Cheryl A. Gordon, Town Clerk

The 1st Annual "Formal" Dance at Da Dump was held at the Transfer Station on October 19, 2002. Norman Bowles was crowned King of Da Dump and Patti Capone was crowned Queen of Da Dump. There was dancing to live music, a "hot tub" fire and snacks and soft drinks. A good time was had by all who attended and we hope even more will join in the festivities at the 2nd Annual Formal Dance at Da Dump.

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